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## MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH CONTINENTAL CONGRESS.

*February 21.*

The seventh Continental Congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was formally opened at the Grand Opera House on Monday, February 21, 1898, at 10.45 a. m., by the President General, Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain General, Mrs. Charles A. Stakely.

"America" was sung by the members of the Congress, led by Percy S. Foster, as Precentor.

The address of welcome was given by the President General, and responded to by Mrs. Mildred S. Mathes, of Tennessee, after which the "Star Spangled Banner" was sung.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Jennie D. Garrison:

"WHEREAS, The Daughters of the American Revolution are preëminently a patriotic Society in touch with all that concerns the interest and welfare of our country; and

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper that we unite in the general expressions of sorrow at the calamity which has befallen the Nation in the recent disaster to the battleship "Maine" in the harbor of Havana, and the attendant loss of so many of the brave defenders of our country and its honor; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, By the Daughters of the American Revolution in annual Congress assembled, that we regard with feelings of profound sorrow this appalling disaster and the sad and untimely death of the officers and seamen of the American Navy

who perished thereby; that we extend our warmest sympathies to the bereaved families and relations of the deceased, and also to those now suffering from wounds received in this dire calamity.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Secretary of the Navy." Unanimously carried.

After a few announcements, the morning session adjourned at 11.45.

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The afternoon session was called to order promptly at 2 o'clock, Mrs. Rose F. Brackett, First Vice-President General, in the Chair.

The report of the Credential Committee was read by Mrs. Sarah H. Hatch, chairman, and upon motion the roll of delegates was called by the Reader. Report accepted. The seating of the delegates began and continued until 8.30 p. m., when upon motion the afternoon session adjourned.

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The evening session was called to order immediately upon the adjournment of the afternoon session, by the President General, Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson. Upon motion, the further seating of the delegates was deferred until Tuesday morning.

The report of the Program Committee was then read by its chairman, Mrs. Daniel Manning.

The following motion was offered by Mrs. Walker: "That the discrimination between the first Vice-President General and the other nineteen Vice-Presidents General be discontinued and that the designation 'First Vice-President General' be hereby abolished." After some discussion, Mrs. Walworth offered the motion: "That action upon this motion be postponed until Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock." Carried.

There was a motion "to accept the program," which Mrs. Joy, of Michigan, moved to amend by the addition of the words, "for the days," and Mrs. Draper moved to amend the amendment by adding the words, "the first two sessions of Thursday to be substituted for Wednesday, and the first two sessions of Wednesday for those of Thursday." Carried.

The question of a quorum being raised, the Chair ruled, after a count had been taken, that a quorum was present.

The amended amendment was then carried.

The motion, as amended, viz.: "Moved that the program be accepted for the days except that the first two sessions of Thursday to be substituted for Wednesday, and the first two sessions of Wednesday for those of Thursday," was then voted upon and carried.

Miss Lathrop, in behalf of the New York City Chapter, offered an invitation to the Congress to hear an illustrated lecture by Mr. Ellsworth on Friday. Lost.

A motion to extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Ellsworth and the New York City Chapter for their kind offer was unanimously carried.

Mrs. Shepard moved "That the page 'General Information' be accepted with the rest of the program." Carried.

Mrs. Cabell, ex-President Presiding, was presented to the Congress and enthusiastically greeted.

Miss Susan B. Anthony, president of the Woman's Suffrage Association, was introduced and made a stirring speech, which elicited much applause.

The following committees were appointed by the President General:

Committee of State Regents to Report upon the Recommendations of the National Officers: Chairman, Mrs. Shields, Missouri; Miss Forsyth, New York; Mrs. Edwards, Michigan; Mrs. J. Morgan Smith, Alabama; Mrs. Maddox, California; Mrs. Kinney, Connecticut; Mrs. White, Maine; Mrs. Carpenter, New Hampshire; Mrs. Griggs, State of Washington; Mrs. Sprinkle, North Carolina; Mrs. Jackson, Maryland.

Committee to Edit the Minutes of the Seventh Continental Congress, Daughters of the American Revolution: Chairman, Mrs. Manning, New York; Mrs. Lindsay, Kentucky; Mrs. Hatcher, Indiana; Mrs. Thurston, Nebraska; Mrs. Stakely, District of Columbia; Mrs. Kate K. Henry, District of Columbia; Mrs. Hull, Iowa; Mrs. Lockwood, District of Columbia; Mrs. Main, District of Columbia.

A telegram from the "Morning Telegraph" was read as follows:

"NEW YORK, February 21, 1898.

Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson, Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D. C.:

The 'Morning Telegraph' is arranging a monster benefit for the families of the brave American sailors and marines who lost their lives on the United States battleship "Maine," to take place at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, next Sunday night. Would like the hearty coöperation of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of all others who love America and the American spirit. Will you read this from the platform of the convention, and also wire your sentiments at our expense.

(Signed)

MORNING TELEGRAPH."

Mrs. Fowler moved to respond to this telegram by sending a copy of the resolution relating to the battleship "Maine," adopted in the morning. Carried.

At ten minutes past ten o'clock the evening session adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE EMERSON MAIN,  
*Recording Secretary General.*

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*February 22.*

The morning session of the second day of the Continental Congress, N. S. D. A. R., was called to order on Tuesday, February 22d, at 10.30, by the President General, Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain General, Mrs. Charles A. Stakely.

Mrs. Kress, of Pennsylvania, sang the "Star Spangled Banner," the members of Congress joining in the chorus.

The minutes of the previous day were read by the Recording Secretary General, and approved, after which the members of Congress united in singing a hymn dedicated to the Daughters of the American Revolution, by Mrs. Bouton, of Massachusetts.

Miss E. B. Johnston moved, "That immediately after ad-



jourment of the morning session the banners be restored to the staffs and that the hooks be lowered four feet." Lost.

Mrs. Avery, of Ohio, offered the following: "Resolved, That the National Board be seated on the stage at once, and the honorary and ex-officers be invited to the lower boxes." Seconded by Mrs. Mary Sawyer Thomas and carried.

The following names were added by the President General to assist the Standing Flag Committee as an auxiliary during the present Congress: Mrs. John M. Thurston, Vice-President General, and the following State Regents: Mrs. Kinney, Connecticut; Mrs. Churchman, Delaware; Miss Miller, District of Columbia; Mrs. Foster, Indiana; Mrs. Cooley, Iowa; Mrs. White, Maine; Mrs. Mathes, Tennessee; Mrs. William Wirt Henry, Virginia; and Mrs. Bascome, St. Louis, Missouri; Mrs. John L. Mitchell, Wisconsin; Mrs. Brown, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Miss Mickley, Allentown, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Payne, Wisconsin; Mrs. Kimball, Wisconsin; Mrs. Cameron, Wisconsin.

The following telegram was read from Arkansas:

"LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 22, 1898.

President, and Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D. C.:

Arkansas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, celebrating Washington's Birthday, send greetings.

(Signed)

FAY HEMPSTEAD,  
*Secretary.*"

It was responded to by a motion from Mrs. Hamilton, of New York: "That this Congress return the greetings of the Sons of the American Revolution of Arkansas." Carried.

Mrs. Kimball, of Wisconsin, offered the following: "That when a motion is before the house an officer be appointed to walk aisles and enjoin silence." Carried.

The following was proposed by the Jersey Blue Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, New Brunswick, New Jersey: "That the Congress of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, meeting February, 1898, memorialize U. S. Congress to declare the one hundredth anniversary of Washington's death, December 14th, 1799, a National Me-

morial Day, and order the American Flag to be displayed at half mast on all public buildings, etc., for three days." Seconded by Mrs. McLean, of New York. No action.

The special order of the day being called, Mrs. Walker's motion, "That the discrimination between the first Vice-President General and the other nineteen Vice-Presidents' General be discontinued and that the designation 'First Vice-President General' be hereby abolished," was taken up, discussed, and carried.

After which, the regular order of business being resumed, the reports of National Officers were given.

At their close the following resolution was offered by Mrs. Clark Waring, of South Carolina: "Resolved, That the Seventh Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution extends most cordial thanks to the retiring officers for their able management of the affairs of the Society for the past year." Carried.

Mrs. Rathbone, State Regent of Ohio, announced that His Excellency the President of the United States would receive the members of the Continental Congress on Thursday at 1 o'clock, and upon motion the invitation was accepted with thanks.

Mrs. A. G. Mills, of New York, moved: "That all Daughters in the District be admitted to the reception to-night." Seconded by Mrs. McLean. Lost.

Miss Vining, of Boston, moved: "That any resident Daughters who do not expect to attend the reception to-night return their invitations to Mrs. Taplin to be re-distributed to visiting Daughters." Carried.

Some announcements and invitations were read and upon motion the morning session adjourned at 1.25.

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The afternoon session was called to order by the First Vice-President General, Mrs. Rose F. Brackett, at ten minutes before three o'clock.

The report of the Assistant Historian General was read by the official Reader, Mrs. Fitzwilliam being absent on account of illness.

The reports of the Finance and Printing Committees were read and accepted.

Mrs. J. H. Barnes, of Massachusetts, moved: "That a directory be published which shall contain the names and addresses of officers and members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, up to June 30, 1898." Carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Elroy M. Avery, of Ohio, seconded by Mrs. Palmer, of Portland, Maine:

"WHEREAS, In the death of Frances E. Willard the Daughters of the American Revolution are called upon to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished members; and

*Whereas*, The name of Miss Willard stands for a cause not bounded by State or country, but one that appeals to the human interest of the civilized world; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Seventh Annual Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in session assembled, express its personal regret in the death of Miss Willard, and extend its profound sympathy to the great organization of the W. C. T. U., of which she was the beloved and honored President; and

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to that organization." Carried.

Mrs. Tibbals, of Connecticut, offered the following: "That two persons be stationed at the door to interrupt all conversation after entering the house." Carried.

Mrs. Joseph H. Barnes, of General Benjamin Lincoln Chapter, of East Boston, Massachusetts, moved: "That this Congress take some action looking toward the awarding of pensions, by the Government of the United States, to the daughters of soldiers or sailors who served their country during the War of the Revolution. I would suggest that a committee be appointed to present this matter to Congress during the present session, that those daughters of such soldiers and sailors may be removed from the charitable institutions of our cities and towns and be placed in private families." Laid on the table.

Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee moved: "That the minutes of the Congress be published in the Magazine immediately after the adjournment of the Congress." Carried.

The afternoon session adjourned at 3.40.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

CHARLOTTE EMERSON MAIN,  
*Recording Secretary General.*

*February 23.*

The morning session of the third day of the Continental Congress of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, was called to order on Wednesday, February 23d, at 10.35 o'clock, by the President General, Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson.

The exercises were opened with prayer by the Chaplain General, Mrs. Charles A. Stakely.

Mrs. T. S. Noyes rendered, as a solo, the "Star Spangled Banner," the members of Congress joining in the chorus.

The Recording Secretary General then read the minutes of the previous day, which were approved.

Mrs. Robert J. Walker, of the Mary Washington Chapter, of the District, presented the following:

*"Resolved, That we extend our hearty thanks to the Committee of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution, that made the reception last night at the Arlington such a grand success—in every detail perfect."*  
Carried.

Mrs. S. V. White moved: "That the report of the Revolutionary Relics Committee be made the special order of the day."  
Carried.

Mrs. Lindsay, chairman, then read the report of this committee, which with its recommendation of \$50.00 per year for the purchase of relics by this committee was, upon motion, accepted and thanks tendered the chairman.

The Historian General presented on the part of the Lexington Chapter, of Massachusetts; Mrs. Van Ness, Regent; photographs of Lexington Green, Old Belfry and Revolutionary monument to the Committee on Revolutionary Relics.

On motion the Chapter was thanked and Mrs. Lindsay, chairman of the committee, expressed appreciation of this gift.

The official Reader announced the receipt of the following telegrams:

Seattle (Washington) Society, Sons of the American Revolu-

tion, addressed to Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson, President General, Daughters of the American Revolution, extending greetings.

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"To the National Congress, Daughters of the American Revolution:

The Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution, send greeting, and crave your influence with Committee on Rules of the House of Representatives to allow the bill making appropriations to the Maryland Revolutionary Monument to come to a vote.

FRANCIS PUTNAM STEVENS,  
*Acting President.*  
JAMES DAVIDSON INGLEHART,  
*Secretary."*

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"The Western Reserve Society, Sons of the American Revolution, send fraternal and patriotic greeting to the grandest Society of patriotic women on earth.

WILLIAM HENRY MARLATT."

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Lowe, of Georgia:

"WHEREAS, A bill has been introduced into the Congress of the United States, looking to the establishment of a school where the women of the United States shall be taught the science of domesticity and peace, just as at West Point and Annapolis the men are taught the science of war, and,

*Whereas*, We believe that such a school will tend to promote the good of the Nation and benefit mankind by the application of such knowledge to the womanly duties of home-making and child-rearing; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Daughters of the American Revolution, in convention assembled, do endorse the proposed National Training School for Women, and do ask the Congress of the United States to establish such a school." It was moved and carried to lay the resolution on the table.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Richard Greene, of the Knickerbocker Chapter, New York:

"*Resolved*, That the delegates assembled in this Congress wish to express their sympathy for one of their number, Mrs.

Wood, Regent of the Simsbury Chapter in the State of Connecticut, in the loss of her father, Mr. Amos R. Eno, one of the leading citizens of New York, who died yesterday, February 21st, at the age of 87, at his home in that city, where he is universally esteemed." Not seconded.

Report of the Continental Hall Committee was given by its chairman, Mrs. Shepard, of Illinois. It was moved and carried that this report be accepted.

Contributions to the Continental Hall Fund were then made, which will appear in full in the Magazine.

Mrs. Burns, of Illinois, moved: "That whereas, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution has \$4,465 invested in current funds, and \$3,814.70 in cash, making a total of \$8,279.70, and \$5,000 of this amount can be turned over to the Continental Hall Fund; therefore, Resolved, that \$5,000 be turned over by this Congress from the General Fund to the Continental Hall Fund." Carried.

Mrs. Mary Sawyer Thomas moved: "That all life members shall be furnished by the National Society with a certificate of membership, with the name 'life member' engraved thereon, this in addition to the original certificate." Laid on the table.

The Treasurer General made a statement about the Moran note, mentioned in the Treasurer General's report. Mrs. Moran was granted the privilege of explaining this matter.

It was moved to adjourn. Motion lost.

Mrs. Moran made a short statement.

At 12.50 it was moved to adjourn. A rising vote was taken resulting in the affirmative.

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The afternoon session of the Continental Congress was called to order by the President General at 2 o'clock, but a recess was taken of fifteen minutes.

The recess being closed the order of business began with the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution, which were read.

Dr. McGee moved: "That any seats which are vacant one-half hour after the opening of the session, may be occupied by any delegates seated under the gallery of the house." Motion carried, reconsidered and lost.

Mrs. Ballinger moved: "That the seats given to the ex-officers shall be given to the delegates who have a right to vote." Not seconded.

Mrs. Wiles, of Illinois, made the point that all amendments to Constitution and By-Laws of which notice was given to the Sixth Continental Congress, could be brought before this Congress for action. The Chair stated that the decision of this point was in the hands of the Congress.

It was moved and carried to take up the amendments ad seriatim.

The amendment to Article IV, Section 1, offered by the Recording Secretary General, "To strike out the words 'One Surgeon General,'" was read and carried.

The amendment to Article V, Section 2, was presented to the Congress, when a substitute was offered, signed by the State Regents, which was amended to read, "That each Chapter shall be entitled to be represented at the Continental Congress by its Regent or her alternate.

The Chapters shall be entitled to be represented by their Regent and one delegate for the first fifty members. When one hundred members are attained, to still be represented by but one delegate. This to apply to all Chapters.

After the first hundred, the representation shall be in the ratio of one delegate for every subsequent one hundred.

An alternate shall be elected for each Chapter Regent and delegate.

Only members who have paid their dues for the official year then current shall be entitled to representation." Carried.

Amendment to Article VI, Section 2, offered by Miss Forsyth, State Regent of New York. Strike out the entire section and insert the following:

"The National Board of Management shall be an administrative body. They shall carry out the ordering of Congress, act upon applications for membership; fill vacancies in office, until the next meeting of Congress; prescribe rules and regulations for their own government while in office, and in general do all things necessary for the prosperity and success of the Society, subject, however, to the approval of the Continental Congress."

Mrs. Wiles, of Illinois, moved to amend the amendment by



adding the following: "and shall have control and management of the affairs and funds of the National Society," to be inserted after the word 'body.' The amendment to the amendment was lost and the original amendment carried.

Amendment to Article IX, Section 1, offered by Mrs. Ford, of New York, to strike out the words: "If approved by a majority of the Board," and substitute in same section the word "sixty" for "thirty." Carried.

Second amendment to Article IX, Section 1, offered by Mrs. Fendall, of the District of Columbia: "Proposed amendments to the Constitution may be presented at any Continental Congress, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and acted upon at the next Congress, the full power to amend being vested in the Continental Congress."

The following substitute amendment, offered by Mrs. McLean: "Amendments to this Constitution may be offered at any meeting of the Continental Congress, provided a copy thereof shall have been sent by the Recording Secretary General to the Regent and Secretary of every organized Chapter throughout the United States, and to each State Regent, at least sixty days prior to the meeting of the Continental Congress at which it is to be acted upon; and if adopted by two-thirds of the votes cast by the Congress, such amendment shall be in full force thereafter. Or, amendments may be offered, without previous notice, by any member of the Continental Congress, upon its floor, provided no action is taken until the following Congress." Lost.

Miss Desha moved to amend by adding: "Section 2. Notice of all proposed amendments to be sent to all State and Chapter Regents and Secretaries in the Society sixty days before the Congress, at which the amendments will be acted upon." Carried.

The second amendment to Article IX, with its amendment was carried.

At 5.35 it was moved and carried to adjourn.

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Evening session convened at 7.30, with the President General, Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson, in the Chair. A recess of twenty-five minutes was taken.

Mrs. Shields, State Regent of Missouri, moved: "That the report of the Committee on Recommendations of National Officers to the Congress may be postponed until to-morrow morning."

Mrs. Nash moved to amend by adding the words: "when it shall be the special order of the day."

Amendment accepted by Mrs. Shields, and motion carried.

The Report of the Committee on Medals was read by the present chairman of the committee, Mrs. Eleanor Holmes Lindsay. The report of Mrs. Wilbour, first chairman of the committee to select medals, was read at the request of Mrs. Lindsay, by the official reader. Upon motion, the report of the committee, read by Mrs. Lindsay, with its recommendation regarding change in the medals, was unanimously accepted.

The Editor of the Magazine, Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood, then read her report, and upon motion, the report was accepted with thanks.

The report of the Business Manager was read by Miss Lockwood, and upon motion, accepted.

Miss Mary D. Chenoweth, of the District of Columbia, moved: "That the AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE be abolished." Seconded by Mrs. Ballinger. Motion laid on the table.

Dr. McGee moved: "That the suggestion of Miss Forsyth relative to the Magazine be referred to a committee, who shall report to the Congress, if possible; if that is not possible, then to the National Board." Carried.

The President General appointed Miss Forsyth and Dr. McGee on the committee. Another name to be added later.

The following resolution was offered by the Massachusetts delegation, through Mrs. Thomas Nesmith:

"WHEREAS, It being the opinion of the Massachusetts delegation and other members of the Congress, that more full and accurate reports of the proceedings of the Continental Congress are a necessity for the proper understanding of those proceedings by members unable to be present, and it being deemed unadvisable to print such full reports in the Magazine;

*Resolved*, First. That a verbatim report of the proceedings

of the Continental Congress be printed and a copy thereof be sent to each State and Chapter Regent in the Society.

*Resolved*, Second. That the National Board of Management be authorized to employ a stenographer that a verbatim report of each meeting of the National Board be printed and sent to each State Regent, immediately after such meeting."

Laid on the table.

The President General appointed Mrs. De Motte, of Bloomington, Illinois, chairman of tellers.

Mrs. Eleanor Holmes Lindsay offered the following resolution: "That the tellers suggested for appointment by the President General be limited to representation by one from each delegation and by one ex-officer." Carried.

Mrs. Draper moved: "A suspension of the rules, and that the consideration of the amendments be taken up." Carried.

Amendment to Article IV, Section 1, offered by Mrs. Katharine Lincoln Alden, Regent of the Army and Navy Chapter, of Washington, District of Columbia:

"For the word 'one' substitute 'two,' and for the word 'years' substitute 'terms.'" Amended by the Board by the addition of the word "biennially" after the words "by ballot," and striking out the word "annual" before meeting; so that the Article shall read:

"These officers shall be elected by ballot biennially, by a vote of the majority of the members present at the meeting of the Continental Congress of the Society, and shall hold office for two years and until their successors shall be elected. No officer shall be eligible to the same office for more than two terms consecutively."

Miss Temple, of Tennessee, moved: "To amend the amendment to Article IV, Section 1, by striking out the words 'two' and 'consecutively,' and inserting the word 'one,' in the last clause; so that no officer shall be eligible to the same office for two consecutive terms." Laid on the table.

The amendment to Article IV, Section 1, upon motion, was laid upon the table.

Amendment to Article IV, Section 1, was offered by Mrs. Lillie Tyson Taplin, Registrar General: "Change the words 'two Registrars General,' to 'one Registrar General.'" Carried.

Also, an amendment to the same section was offered by the State Regent of New York, as follows:

"Insert in last sentence the words 'to such election,' making it read: 'No officer shall be eligible to such election to the same office for more than two terms consecutively.'" Laid on the table.

Mrs. Draper moved: "That hereafter 'real daughters' of revolutionary patriots be exempt from annual dues." Carried.

Mrs. Dickins moved: "That all real daughters place their age on their application papers." Carried.

The following resolution, offered by Mrs. Marguerite Dickins:

"WHEREAS, The Daughters of the American Revolution believe that the bravery and devotion of those lives have been sacrificed in the service of our country should be gratefully remembered, not only by the generation in which their brave deeds were done, but also as a shining example to posterity; and

*Whereas*, More than two hundred soldiers and seamen of the battleship 'Maine' lost their lives recently under such peculiarly sad circumstances that the news of the event caused the most profound grief throughout the Nation; and

*Whereas*, It is proposed that a monument be erected at the entrance of New York harbor as an expression of the sympathy of the Nation and to commemorate the bravery and patriotism of these men who died in the service of their country; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Daughters of the American Revolution, in National Convention assembled, heartily commend the patriotic spirit which seeks in this manner to commemorate the death of brave men. We express the hope that the American people will see to it that this tribute be made one worthy of a Nation desiring to honor its dead heroes."

Seconded by Mrs. Charles O'Neil, of Massachusetts, and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Kinney, of Connecticut: "That a megaphone be used in announcing all resolutions and motions in order that the same may be heard in all parts of the house." Carried.

A communication was read from the Phoebe Bayard Chapter of Pennsylvania, desiring that a committee be appointed to confer with the committees of the Congress of the United States to decide what epoch-marking incident in American history shall complete the circle of the frieze about the rotunda of the capitol at Washington. They desire that the Daughters of the American Revolution shall suggest some act of heroism of the women of the days of the Revolution which shall be worthy of commemoration in this manner.

The evening session adjourned at 10.30 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

CHARLOTTE EMERSON MAIN,  
*Recording Secretary General.*

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*February 24.*

The morning session of the fourth day of the Continental Congress, Daughters of the American Revolution, was called to order by the President General at 10 o'clock February 24th.

The exercises were opened with prayer by the Chaplain General, Mrs. Charles A. Stakely, after which the "Star Spangled Banner" was sung.

The minutes of the previous day were read by the Recording Secretary General, which, upon motion, were approved.

The President General presented to the Congress Mrs. John W. Foster, former President General, who was cordially received, and expressed much gratification at meeting the members of the Congress.

Mrs. Avery moved: "That each State delegation may send in the names of two 'Daughters,' from which list the tellers shall be selected." Carried.

Mrs. John W. Foster moved: "That at 12.30 p. m., to-day, this Congress take a recess in order to accept the invitation to meet His Excellency the President of the United States, at 1 p. m." Carried.

It was moved and carried that the Congress assembled express the profound regret they feel at parting with their President General, Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson.

A motion was offered, thanking Mr. Spencer for his services as parliamentarian. Carried.

A vote of thanks was tendered Miss Janet Richards as official Reader.

The special order of the day being called, the report of the Committee on Recommendations contained in reports of officers, was presented by the chairman of the committee, Mrs. Shields, of Missouri. Report accepted.

Mrs. Draper moved: "That the report of the Vice-President General in Charge of Organization be accepted." Carried.

The President General requested action on the reports of the following officers: Recording Secretary General; Corresponding Secretary General; Registrar General, Mrs. Seymour; Registrar General, Mrs. Taplin; Treasurer General; Historian General; Assistant Historian General; Librarian General. The acceptance of each report was separately voted upon and carried.

The recommendations of tellers, by the State Regents, were made.

Mrs. Hatch, chairman of the Credential Committee, moved: "That the roll call be dispensed with, and in lieu thereof, that the total number of those entitled to vote, including National officers, State Regents and Chapter Regents and delegates, be stated—this number having been verified by the Credential Committee. The number of National officers being, 31; State Regents, 46; Chapter Regents and delegates, 661. Total, 738 entitled to vote." Carried.

The order of the day was called and the nominations for President General were made, as follows:

Mrs. Donald McLean, of New York, was nominated by Mrs. Doremus, of New York, and numerously seconded.

Mrs. Manning, of Albany, New York, was nominated by Mrs. Shepard, of Illinois, and also numerously seconded.

Mrs. Rose F. Brackett, of the District, was nominated by Mrs. Boynton, seconded by Mrs. Mary Sawyer Thomas, of Maine, and others.

At this point Mrs. Brackett, First Vice-President General, reminded the ladies of the Congress of the motion that had been made and carried, in the early part of the day, in regard to accepting the invitation extended by His Excellency the

President of the United States, the time for which was fixed for 12.30 o'clock. It being this hour a recess was taken until 2 p. m.

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The Congress was called to order at 2.15 p. m., by the President General.

The endorsements of the nominations of the candidates for President General were continued.

The official Reader announced that a petition had been prepared by the Flag Committee of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, which would be circulated among the members of the Congress after the session, the members being requested to sign the same.

The name of Miss Lockwood, Business Manager of the Magazine, was added to the Magazine Committee.

A communication was read from J. Payson Bradley, Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, sending greetings to the Continental Congress.

The nomination was made for Vice-President General in Charge of Organization: Mrs. Dickins nominating Mrs. Hattie Nourse Brockett, the present Vice-President General in Charge of Organization; seconded by Miss Miller, Regent of the District. The Recording Secretary General was instructed to cast the ballot for Mrs. Brockett.

Twenty-six candidates were nominated to fill the places of the twenty Vice-Presidents General.

Mrs. Brackett nominated Mrs. Charles A. Stakely for Chaplain General. The Recording Secretary General was instructed to cast the ballot for Mrs. Stakely.

Nominations for Recording Secretary General being called, Miss Chenoweth nominated Mrs. Albert Akers, of Washington, District of Columbia.

Mrs. Mary Martin, of Washington, was nominated by Miss Eugenia Washington, and Mrs. Kate K. Henry by Mrs. Robert Walker, for the office of Corresponding Secretary General.

Miss Susan Hetzel was nominated by Miss Washington for Registrar General. Mrs. Hatch was nominated by Miss Eugenia Washington for Treasurer General. Mrs. Avery nominated Mrs. Seymour and Miss Miller nominated Mrs.



Dickins for Historian General. Mrs. Fowler, of Indiana, nominated Mrs. Hatcher for Assistant Historian General.

Mrs. Darwin was nominated by Miss Miller for Librarian General.

Nominations closed and the polls were opened.

It was moved and carried that the polls be kept open until 8.30 p. m.

Mrs. H. M. Thompson, of Massachusetts, moved: "That each person deposit her own ballot." Carried.

On account of the polls being kept open, no adjournment was taken.

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At 8 p. m. Mrs. Hill, Vice-President General, from Connecticut, was called to the Chair. At 8.15, the President General took the Chair and the session was opened with music by the orchestra.

At 8.30 Mrs. De Motte, chairman of the tellers, announced the polls closed.

Mrs. Eleanor Holmes Lindsay, with a short address, presented the four medals to Miss Eugenia Washington, Miss Mary Desha, Mrs. Ellen Hardin Walworth, and Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood.

The recipients acknowledged the medals with appropriate speeches, and a reception to them followed.

The following nominations were made: For Honorary President General, Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson; for Honorary Vice-Presidents General, Mrs. Mary Virginia Ellet Cabell, of Virginia; Mrs. Elroy M. Avery, of Ohio; Miss Virginia Miller, of the District; Mrs. James Stranahan, of New York, and Mrs. deB. Randolph Keim. Mrs. Rose F. Brackett was nominated, but declined.

The chairman of the tellers announced the vote for President General, as follows: Total number of ballots, 534; necessary to elect, 268; Mrs. Rose F. Brackett, 22; Mrs. Donald McLean, 110; Mrs. Daniel Manning, 396; blanks, 6.

The President General announced Mrs. Daniel Manning as duly elected President General of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for the year 1898-9.

Mrs. Manning not being present at the time of the announcement, the Recording Secretary General was called to read the names of the State Regents chosen by their respective delegations. Before its conclusion, Mrs. Manning was announced and was greeted with great enthusiasm, to which she responded by a graceful address.

The evening session adjourned at 10.40.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

CHARLOTTE EMERSON MAIN,  
*Recording Secretary General.*

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*February 25.*

The morning session of the fifth day of the Continental Congress was called to order at 10 o'clock by the First Vice-President General, Mrs. Rose F. Brackett, but a recess was taken of twenty-five minutes.

After the singing of the patriotic song, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," prayer was offered by the Chaplain General, Mrs. Charles A. Stakely.

The "Star Spangled Banner" was sung by Mrs. Kress, the members of Congress joining in the chorus.

The Recording Secretary General read the minutes of the previous day, which, upon motion, were approved.

The announcement of State Regents was completed.

Before proceeding with the order of the day, the Chair stated that a request had been made to complete the election of Honorary Vice-Presidents, which had been begun at the session of the previous day.

Mrs. Ballinger requested "That the name of Mrs. Burrows, of Michigan, be added to the list of nominees."

Mrs. Stakely moved: "That the Recording Secretary General be instructed to cast the ballot for Mrs. Cabell for Honorary Vice-President General." Carried.

Mrs. Stakely moved: "That the Recording Secretary General be instructed to cast the ballot for Mrs. Stevenson for Honorary President General." Carried.

Dr. McGee called attention to the fact that it had been decided that Congress should only elect two Honorary Vice-Presidents General, and that inasmuch as other names were in

nomination besides that of Mrs. Cabell, the Recording Secretary General could not cast the ballot for this lady as had been ordered, but the election must be conducted in the usual way.

It was moved and caried that the order of the day be postponed in order to hear the report of the chairman of the tellers.

The following report of the election of officers was made: Vice-Presidents General, Mrs. Alger, Mrs. Sperry, Mrs. Thurston, Mrs. Taplin, Mrs. Hanna, Mrs. Shippen, Mrs. Frye, Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Howard, Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, Mrs. Colton, Miss Temple, Mrs. Fairbanks, Miss Forsyth, Mrs. Hoopes, Mrs. O'Neil, Miss Benning, Mrs. Goodloe, Mrs. Main, Mrs. Cameron.

Recording Secretary General, Mrs. Albert Akers.

Corresponding Secretary General, Mrs. Kate K. Henry.

Registrar General, Miss Hetzel.

Treasurer General, Mrs. Hatch.

Historian General, Mrs. Seymour.

Assistant Historian General, Mrs. Hatcher.

Librarian General, Mrs. Darwin.

Mrs. Jackson, State Regent of Maryland, moved: "That a vote of thanks be offered the tellers for their very arduous services." Carried.

The report of the Committee on National University was given by the chairman, Mrs. Walworth, and accepted.

The report of the Committee on Prison Ships was given by the chairman, Mrs. Elroy M. Avery, of Ohio, and accepted.

Professor Worcester, of Urbana, Ohio, moved: "That we proceed to the election of Honorary Vice-Presidents General." Carried.

At 12.25 p. m., Mrs. Draper moved to adjourn. Carried.

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Congress was called to order by the First Vice-President General, Mrs. Rose F. Brackett, at 2 o'clock p. m. A recess of twenty minutes was taken, when the body again convened.

The Chair announced that the election of Honorary Vice-Presidents Generals would begin. The point of order raised by Dr. McGee at the morning session, to the effect that the ballot cannot be cast for any one candidate when there are

others in nomination was sustained by the Chair, who stated that the ballots would be distributed and the election take place according to the constitutional and parliamentary rules.

Dr. McGee moved: "That the nominations be closed." Carried.

Miss Pike, of the District, moved: "That the former action of the Continental Congress, limiting the number of Honorary Vice-Presidents General to be elected each year to two, be rescinded, and that the number be increased for this year to four, as we did not elect any last year." Motion lost.

The votes for Honorary Vice-Presidents General were cast.

The report of the Committee on Meadow Garden Farm, was given by the chairman, Mrs. Dickins.

After some discussion, it was voted that this report be accepted without the recommendation for the purchase of this property.

Mrs. McCartney suggested that the Daughters here assembled at the Congress should contribute ten cents each towards the purchase of this historical land, and obtained permission from the Chair to solicit contributions to the same through the house.

Mrs. Shields, of Missouri, moved:

"WHEREAS, The widow of the late Commissioner of Fisheries of the United States, Mrs. Marshall MacDonald, the first Treasurer General of the Daughters of the American Revolution, has in her possession a picture of Washington, by the elder Peale; and

*Whereas*, Our first Treasurer General, Mrs. MacDonald, has become the victim of ill-fortune, to such an extent that she is willing to sell this valuable picture to the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution;

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint a committee to consider the purchase of this picture." The appointment of this committee was referred to the Board of Management.

Report of the Auditing Committee was presented through the chairman, Mrs. Churchman, and, upon motion, was accepted.

The report of the tellers on the election of Honorary Vice-Presidents General was made, as follows: Ballots cast, 248;

necessary to elect, 125. Mrs. Cabell received 205, and was the only one receiving a sufficient number of votes to be elected.

Report of the Committee on the National Flag was given, and, upon motion, was accepted.

It was announced that Mrs. James Moore, of Augusta, Georgia, would receive contributions for the purchase of Meadow Garden Farm.

The following was read by Mrs. Nash:

"The Daughters of the American Revolution in South Carolina are heart and soul embarked in a big undertaking. They wish the Congress of these United States to erect a monument to the memory of the three revolutionary generals, Marion, Sumter, and Pickens; and to that end have entrusted me with a petition to the United States Congress which they desire endorsed by this Congress. Such an endorsement would carry great weight with it, Madam President; and now, therefore, ask permission to have this petition read from the rostrum, that all may hear it and know fully what we ask of them to endorse.

*Resolved*, That the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, now in Congress assembled, do endorse the petition of its South Carolina members, asking the United States Congress to erect a monument to the three revolutionary generals, Marion, Sumter, and Pickens; and in token thereof, that our President General be empowered to affix her signature to the said petition and take such other means of endorsement as she may deem appropriate.

(Signed)

MRS. CLARK WARING,  
Of South Carolina."

The petition was then read by Mrs. Nash, to the Congress.

Resolution seconded and carried.

Dr. McGee offered the following:

"WHEREAS, The article of the by-laws relating to amendments provides for such amendments only by the National Board; and

WHEREAS, That power has now been taken from the Board; be it

*Resolved*, That the President General-elect, Mrs. Manning, be requested to appoint a committee from this Congress to

consider such changes in the By-Laws as have become necessary by the change in the Constitution; such committee to report to the next Congress." Carried.

Miss Forsyth, chairman, submitted the following report: "The committee to report on a proposed change of method in the circulation of the Magazine state that they have made preliminary investigations which warrant the appointment of a committee to further consider the subject. They, therefore, recommend that the President General-elect, Mrs. Daniel Manning, be requested by this Congress to appoint such a committee. Also, that said committee shall report to the National Board, which shall have power to carry out any plan which the Board shall approve by the unanimous vote of those present at a regular meeting." Report adopted.

Miss Forsyth spoke in regard to the marking of graves of revolutionary soldiers, stating that a design had been offered to the Board by a "Daughter" of New York. The Board having referred this to Congress, Miss Forsyth presented it for consideration. No action.

At 4.30 p. m., it was moved and carried to adjourn.

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The evening session was called to order at 7.30 o'clock, by Mrs. Rose F. Brackett, First Vice-President General, but a recess of thirty minutes was taken.

Amendment to Article IV, Section 1, offered by Mrs. Katharine Lincoln Alden, Regent of the Army and Navy Chapter, of Washington, District of Columbia: "For the word 'one' substitute 'two,' and for the word 'years' substitute 'terms.' Amended by the Board by the addition of the word 'biennially' after the words 'by ballot,' and striking out the word 'annual' before meeting; so that the Article after the words 'found necessary' shall read:

"These officers shall be elected by ballot biennially by vote of the majority of the members present at the meeting of the Continental Congress of the Society, and shall hold office for two years, and until their successors shall be elected. No officer shall be eligible to the same office for more than two terms consecutively."



The following amendments to the amendment were offered:

Mrs. Wiles, of Illinois: "Strike out the words 'and until their successors shall be elected,' and substitute 'and until the close of the Continental Congress, at which their successors shall be elected.'" Carried.

Second amendment, offered by Mrs. Shepard, of Illinois:

Add the words, "Except that at the Continental Congress of 1899 ten Vice-Presidents General shall be elected for one year, and ten Vice-Presidents General for two years, and thereafter ten Vice-Presidents General shall be elected each year to hold office for two years." Carried.

Amendment third, which was a substitute motion offered by Miss Forsyth:

"These officers shall be elected by ballot annually, by a vote of the majority of the Continental Congress, and shall hold office for one year and until their successors shall be elected. No officer shall be eligible to such election to office for more than two terms consecutively. This shall apply to all officers except the President General, whose term shall be two years, with the privilege of election for a second term." Lost.

Fourth amendment, offered by Mrs. Davol:

Add the words, "Except the Treasurer and Secretaries, who should be eligible for reelection, subject to the will of the Congress." Lost.

Amendment to Article IV, Section 1, was carried with its amendments as follows: Strike out all after the words "found necessary" and insert: "These officers shall be elected by ballot biennially by vote of the majority of the members present at the meeting of the Continental Congress of the Society, and shall hold office for two years, and until the close of the Continental Congress at which their successors shall be elected; except that at the Continental Congress of 1899, ten Vice-Presidents General shall be elected for one year, and ten Vice-Presidents General for two years, and thereafter ten Vice-Presidents General shall be elected each year to hold office for two years. No officer shall be eligible to the same office for more than two terms consecutively."

The second amendment to Article IV, Section 1, offered by the State Regent of New York, was voted upon and lost.

Dr. McGee moved: "That we elect to-morrow one consult-



ing Registrar for each of the thirteen original States to assist the Registrar General." Laid on the table.

The following amendments to the Constitution were offered to be acted upon at the Congress of 1899.

Amendment to Article IV, Section 1, as follows: Add the words, "at large, and one Registrar General for each of the thirteen original States" after the words "one Registrar General." Offered by Dr. McGee.

Amendments offered by the Philadelphia Chapter through Mrs. Harrison: Article V, Section 1, omit the words "and the Regents and delegates of each organized Chapter in the United States."

Omit the first paragraph of Section 2 of Article V.

Article VI, Section 1, omit the words "and who will be a delegate to the Continental Congress of the National Society."

Also the following suggestions: "The State Regent, together with the Regent of each Chapter in the State, and a representative chosen by the Chapter shall form an executive council. This executive council shall meet at the call of the State Regent not later than three months prior to the convening of the Continental Congress in Washington. It shall be the duty of the executive council to determine questions of importance to be presented by the State Regent only, at the Continental Congress. Delegates can enter into discussions. At this meeting of the executive council, not more than ten delegates and ten alternates representing the different sections of the State, shall be elected by ballot to attend the Continental Congress at Washington. All States and the District of Columbia shall have equal representation at the Continental Congress."

Amendment to Article V, Section 2, proposed by Mrs. Julia Clark Hallam, of the Martha Washington Chapter, Sioux City, Iowa: Add the words: "No person shall be a delegate to the annual Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution who is not a resident of the State in which the Chapter of which she is a member is located at the time at which the Congress meets."

Amendment to Article V, Section 5, offered by Mrs. Madison A. Ballinger, of the District: Strike out all after the word

"Congress," and in lieu thereof insert "but shall not participate in its deliberations." Section as amended to read: "All honorary and ex-officers of the National Society may attend the meetings of the Continental Congress, but shall not participate in its deliberations."

Amendment to Article IV, Section 1, offered by Mrs. Bell M. Draper: Insert the words "one Librarian General" after the words "one Chaplain General."

Amendment in Article VIII, Section 3, offered by Mrs. Laura W. Fowler, of Boston, Massachusetts. "The local Chapters shall be entitled to retain three-fourths of the annual dues, and three-fourths of the life membership fees, paid to them, respectively, for their own use."

Amendment to Article VI, Section 1, last clause, offered by Mrs. Joy, of Michigan: To substitute for the word "seven" the word "fifteen."

Amendment to Article V, by the addition of Section 6, offered by Mrs. Wiles, of Illinois: "A quorum of the Continental Congress shall be one hundred properly accredited delegates."

Amendments offered by Miss Lilian Pike, of the District:

Article III, Section 3: "That the word 'are' shall be changed to 'were,' and the words 'shall be' to 'are.'"

"To Article IV, shall be added the contents of Section 6, Article IV of the By-Laws.

In Article IV, Section 1, the following words shall be added: "An officer appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only during the unexpired term from the previous time of election until the next regular election."

In Article V, the following words shall be inserted as Section 1:

"All legislative and judicial power in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is vested in the Continental Congress." Also, that the numbering of the other sections shall be changed to correspond.

Amendment to Article VIII, Section 3, offered by Mrs. Walcott, of New York: "The local Chapters shall be entitled to retain for their own use three-fourths of the annual dues paid to them on the basis of two dollars."

Miss Pike moved: "To abolish Article X and Article XVI of the By-Laws." Not seconded.

Miss Desha moved: "That the dues paid by the Chapters to the National Society be reduced, that is, that the Chapters retain a larger amount." No action.

The evening session adjourned at 10.45.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

CHARLOTTE EMERSON MAIN,  
*Recording Secretary General.*

*February 26.*

The morning session of the sixth day of the Seventh Continental Congress was called to order at 10 o'clock, February 26th, by the First Vice-President General, Mrs. Rose F. Brackett. Recess of fifteen minutes.

After the singing of the patriotic song, "America," prayer was offered by the Chaplain General, Mrs. Charles A. Stakely.

The "Star Spangled Banner" was sung by Miss Edna Doe, the members of the Congress uniting in the chorus.

The order of the day was called and the following motion offered by Prof. Worcester, of Ohio: "That the motion to proceed to the election of another Honorary Vice-President General be taken from the table."

A long discussion followed on this subject, when Mrs. Swift moved: "That this be laid upon the table." Motion carried.

Dr. McGee moved: "That the election of the Editor of the Magazine be taken up." Motion carried.

The Chair stated that nominations were now in order. Mrs. McKenny, of Minnesota, nominated Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood as editor for the ensuing year. This nomination was numerously seconded.

Mrs. Fairbanks, of Indiana, moved: "That the nominations be closed." Carried.

Mrs. Walker moved: "That the Recording Secretary General cast the ballot for Mrs. Lockwood." Motion carried.

Mrs. Lockwood expressed her thanks to the Congress for this mark of their appreciation of her services.

The matter of seating the delegates for the Continental Congress was brought up for discussion, and the following motion

offered: "That the Congress appoint a committee of four members of the National Board, any one of whom shall be entitled to draw for the seats, in preparation for the next Congress." No action.

The Chair suggested that this matter could be arranged by correspondence with the National Board during the year, which suggestion was accepted.

Mrs. Maxwell, of Kentucky, moved: "That in future the name of no woman be placed on the list of Honorary Vice-Presidents General until past the age of 60 years." Lost.

The portrait of Mrs. Harrison which was presented by the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, to be placed in the Executive Mansion, was spoken of as bearing no mark to indicate that this was the gift of the National Society, which led to the following motion from Mrs. Champion, of Connecticut: "That a small tablet be affixed to the portrait of Mrs. Harrison now in the White House, designating the same, and the fact that it was a gift from the Daughters of the American Revolution, in memory of their first President General, 1891 to 1892—the date of her death."

Mrs. Wiles moved to amend by inserting the words: "this Congress requests that a small tablet be affixed, etc." Laid on the table.

Miss Desha read a paper on the protection of the insignia of the National Society, whereupon Dr. McGee moved: "That this matter be referred to the National Board, with power to take every possible step for the protection of the insignia." Carried.

The following was offered by Mrs. Davey, of Minnesota:

"*Resolved*, That bars worn upon the ribbon above the insignia shall indicate, or represent, ancestors who have served their country meritoriously during the war of the American Revolution, and lineal descent from whom would admit the wearer to membership in the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution." Laid on the table.

A report in regard to the consolidation of the two societies, viz: The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the General Society, Daughters of the Revolution,

was read by Mrs. Alexander, of New York, which, upon motion, was accepted.

Mrs. Lockwood moved: "That the present committee be enlarged and empowered to investigate facts; confer with the Daughters of the Revolution Society, and report to the Daughters of the American Revolution National Society from time to time." Carried.

Mrs. Crosman, of New York, moved: "That this Congress extend a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Rose F. Brackett for her eminent and invaluable services to the Daughters of the American Revolution." This was unanimously carried by a rising vote.

Mrs. McCartney moved: "That the Recording Secretary General be empowered to embody this in an appropriate form and present the same to Mrs. Rose F. Brackett." Carried.

Mrs. McLean, of New York, moved: "That Mrs. Brackett, in recognition of her faithful services, be elected Honorary First Vice-President General." This was largely seconded, but Mrs. Brackett declined, with grateful thanks the honor tendered.

The official reader read the following telegram:

"Omaha, Nebraska, February 25, 1898.

President General, Daughters of the American Revolution,  
Washington, D. C.:

Cordial invitation is extended your organization to attend the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition at Omaha, at date to be named by you, from June 1st to November 1st, of this year."

(Signed)

G. W. WATTLES,  
President Exposition."

Mrs. S. V. White moved: "That this Congress secure a copy in crayon, or photograph, of the portrait of Mrs. Harrison; and further, that we endeavor to secure for ourselves, to adorn our Continental Hall, which we are to build, similar photographs or crayons of all our Presidents General, that we have a history in faces." Referred to a committee.

Mrs. Torrance, of Minnesota, moved:

"WHEREAS, Some misapprehension exists as to the time and place when elections for State Regents may be held; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That such elections may be held within the respective States, at any time within twenty days prior to the meeting of the annual Congress; the result thereof to be duly certified and announced in like manner as where such elections occur at, or during the session of said Congress." Laid on the table.

It was moved that the interpretation of the Congress be given of the clause in the Constitution relating to the method of electing State Regents. No action was taken because the ruling of the National Board was considered sufficient.

Mrs. Edwards, of Michigan, moved: "That badges for the Continental Congress be sent fifteen days before the Congress to the Chapter Regents; that State Regents shall call a meeting of their delegates the first morning of the Congress, and make a list of delegates present, which list shall be handed to the Credential Committee and read as the roll call, corrections to be made and reported the same day.

Mrs. Lyons moved to amend this by striking out the words: "this to be read as the roll call."

It was suggested that the original motion be divided into two clauses. This was accepted by the mover of the motion.

The first clause was read, as follows: "That the badges to the Continental Congress be sent, by registered mail, directly to the Chapter Regents, fifteen days before the Congress." Motion seconded and carried.

(This motion was rendered null and void by subsequent action of the Congress.)

Business suspended by request of Miss Forsyth, who, on the part of the Continental Congress, presented to the retiring President General, Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson, a loving cup, which was acknowledged with appropriate remarks by the President General.

Mrs. Crosman, of New York, offered the following:

"WHEREAS, France was our faithful ally during the whole of the War of the Revolution; and

*Whereas*, It is becoming that we send representatives to her on suitable national occasions, to honor her and to prove the continuance of our friendship and gratitude; be it



*Resolved*, That our National Board be appointed a committee to make appropriate arrangements for the celebration of 1900, to this end, and that said committee report to the next Congress." Carried.

After some announcements given by the official Reader, at 12.25 p. m., it was moved and carried to adjourn.

Congress was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. A recess of fifteen minutes was taken.

Mrs. Edwards asked that the motion in regard to badges which she had presented at the morning session be again considered. This being granted, Mrs. Edwards moved: "That this be referred to the National Board of Management." Carried.

Mrs. Carpenter, of New Hampshire, moved: "That the amendment to resolution No. 65 in the Statute Book be rescinded." Carried.

Statute 65, February 21, 1895. *Resolved*, That any member whose papers are accepted on or after August 22d, six months after February 22d, in any year shall not be required to pay annual dues again until the 22d day of February the second year ensuing. (Amended to read 22d of October, instead of 22d day of August. Vol. VI, p. 474.)

The following amendment to Article VIII, Section 1, of the Constitution, was presented by Mrs. Carpenter, of New Hampshire, for action at the Congress of 1899: "Add to Section 1: If an applicant be admitted to membership after August 22d in any year, she shall be exempted from additional dues until one year from the 22d of February next ensuing."

Mrs. Fitzhugh Edwards, of Michigan, moved: "That the reports all of the National officers be printed and circulated through the Congress, as is that of the Treasurer General." Carried.

The following was adopted: "*Resolved*, That a copy of the amended Constitution be sent, as soon after the Congress as possible, to each Chapter Regent."

Mrs. Alfred Whelen moved: "That a vote of thanks be offered to the pages for their services during the convention." Carried.



Complaint being made of the Franco-American College, it was moved by Mrs. Nesmith, of Lowell, Massachusetts: "That a committee be appointed to investigate this school and report to the National Board." Carried.

Mrs. Nash moved: "That this Congress rescind the action of the Congress of a year ago limiting the printed minutes of the Board meetings to merely the motions made, in order that we may have fuller and more intelligible minutes in our Magazine." Carried.

Mrs. Wiles, of Illinois, moved: "That the report of the Committee on Revision of By-Laws be printed and sent to each Chapter sixty days before the meeting of the Eighth Continental Congress." Carried.

Mrs. Tullock moved: "That the program prepared by a committee of the Board of Management, sent to State Regents for approval, published in the Magazine and duly accepted by State Regents and the Board of Management remain without change the program for the next Congress." Laid on the table.

Miss Johnston, Historian General, presented a paper, which was read by the official Reader, asking for assistance in the matter of a statue of Washington proposed to be presented to France. It was moved and carried to ask the National Board some consideration of this matter.

Mrs. McLean offered the following:

*"Resolved*, That the Continental Congress, Daughters of the American Revolution, in session assembled, February, 1898, expresses its lively interest in the appeal presented to it by the personages who have formed a committee to present a statue to France; and the Congress appreciates the bringing before it of such appeal." Unanimously carried.

Mrs. Edwards, of Michigan, moved: "That in the case of vacancy in the office of State Regent in the intervals between the meetings of the Congress, such vacancy be filled by the National Board of Management by the appointment of a State Regent to be named by the majority of Chapter Regents in the State." Carried.

Miss Pike moved: "That a vote of thanks be given to Mrs.

Hatcher for her very admirable arrangements for the comfort of this Congress." Carried by a rising vote.

Miss Forsyth moved: "That we listen to some statements regarding a plan of work to be proposed by Mrs. Thompson, Regent of the Buffalo Chapter of New York." Carried.

Mrs. Fitzhugh Edwards moved: "That it is the sense of this Congress that the National Board of Management be instructed to abide by the date fixed by the By-Laws for the admission of Regents and delegates to the Continental Congress." Carried.

Miss Pike moved: "That we shall have three clerks for the Registrar General, one of whom shall be a professional genealogist, and all of whom shall be Daughters of the American Revolution." Referred to the National Board.

Mrs. Robinson, of Massachusetts, offered the following:

*"Resolved,* That the Eighth Continental Congress vote by the Australian ballot system. That the nominations be made from the floor, during the afternoon of the second day of the Congress; that the names of all chosen candidates for all offices be printed on each blanket ballot; that voting be done at will, during the hours of nine and two, on the morning following the day of nominations; and that the ballot box, with a requisite number of voting booths and any other paraphernalia necessary for voting by this system be placed in the lobby of the theatre."

Substitute motion offered by Mrs. Mills, of New York:

"That we follow the method of voting adopted this year." Carried.

Mrs. Draper moved: "That the motion made by Mrs. Nesmith, in regard to sending out verbatim reports of the Board meetings to all State Regents, which had been laid on the table, be taken up." Lost.

The official Reader read the following amendments to the Constitution to be acted upon at the Congress of 1899:

Amendment to Article IV, Section 3, offered by Mrs. Joy, of Michigan: "I move to amend by adding after 'the power to elect Honorary Vice-Presidents General shall be vested in the Continental Congress,' the words 'and there shall be not more

than one Honorary Vice-President General elected each year.' "

Mrs. Louise Peabody Sargent, of Boston, offered the following amendment to Article VIII, Section 3, of the Constitution: "The local Chapters shall be entitled to retain three-fourths of the annual dues, and three-fourths of the life memberships paid to them, respectively, for their own use."

Amendment to Article VIII, Section 3, of the Constitution, offered by Prof. Sarah A. Worcester, Regent of the Urbana Chapter, Ohio: "The local Chapters shall be entitled to retain three-fourths of the annual dues, and one-half of the life membership fees paid to them, respectively, for their own use. The By-Laws of said Chapter may provide for additional dues for Chapter uses."

Amendment to Article VIII, Section 3, of the Constitution, offered by Mrs. Wolcott, of New York:

"*Resolved*, That the local Chapters shall be entitled to retain for their own use three-fourths of the annual dues paid to them on the basis of two dollars."

Mrs. Turner moved: "That the nominations be made the day before election."

Mrs. Draper moved: "That the question of the days on which nominations and elections in the Eighth Continental Congress shall take place be referred to the Committee of Arrangements." Carried.

Mrs. Joy, of Michigan, moved: "That the invitation to the ceremonies of the unveiling of the monument to Francis Scott Key be accepted." Carried.

Mrs. McLean moved the hearty endorsement of Mrs. Sargent's petition regarding the preservation of Faneuil Hall. Carried.

Mrs. Wiles, of Illinois, moved: "That the Committee on the Revision of By-Laws be given authority to include in its report any revision of the Constitution necessary, to avoid confliction between the Constitution and amendments to it, made at this session." Lost.

Miss Pike moved: "That we give a vote of thanks to those officers that we have not already thanked, and also to the em-

ployes of this theatre, who have been very courteous and nice indeed." Carried.

The official Reader read the report of Mrs. Prince, of New Mexico, chairman of the Committee on Census on 1790. No action.

At 5.30 p. m., Congress adjourned sine die.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

CHARLOTTE EMERSON MAIN,  
*Recording Secretary General.*

The undersigned Committee to Edit Minutes of the Seventh Continental Congress do certify that they have performed that duty and that the foregoing minutes are correct.

ELEANOR HOLMES LINDSAY,  
*Chairman.*

GEORGIA STOCKTON HATCHER,  
JESSIE DAVIS STAKELY,  
CHARLOTTE EMERSON MAIN,  
ANITA NEWCOMB MCGEE.

## REPORTS OF STATE REGENTS.

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ALABAMA.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:*  
As Regent of Alabama, I have the honor to submit to the Seventh Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution my first annual report. Upon going into office I found only two Chapters organized and none in process of organization. We now have five Chapters, and preliminary steps have been taken in the formation of other Chapters, and the organization of these we hope soon to see perfected. The growth of the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Alabama has been slow. There are various hindrances to the work, so that the labor involved in the organization of even the few Chapters has been arduous, and, at times, dispiriting. Measured by what some other States have accomplished since the last meeting of our Congress, Alabama's work appears discouraging, but a retrospect of the past year, however, to those with a full knowledge of all the difficulties encountered, shows our present status to be gratifying and hopeful. The few regularly organized Chapters are earnestly and enthusiastically at work, and those in process of organization are in the hands of intelligent, zealous and patriotic women.

Pioneer work (the most difficult in any cause) has been done in Alabama, and with the Daughters of the American Revolution colors firmly planted in various parts of the State, the noble organization will continue to grow, slowly it may be, but very surely, we hopefully and confidently believe.

Respectfully submitted,

KATE DUNCAN SMITH,  
*State Regent.*

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ARKANSAS.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:*  
Arkansas being second on the Daughters of the American Revolution roll of States suggests the wish that the report of work and organization might be second to none in startling statistics. But there are many reasons for the slow growth of the cause in our midst; we are young as a State and few as a people in comparison with those centers of enthusiasm, where revolutionary sites, scenes, records and relics abound, and although the bravest and bluest of revolutionary blood may be pulsating with nineteenth century rapidity through our veins, there has been an anti-revolutionary leisure exhibited in attending to our second and third-storied grandfathers, removed by many degrees of time, distance and greatness. The awakening is at hand, and with it a desire to add to the annals of private and public history, and to perpetuate the

names and memories of those brave men and women who by deeds of privation, piety and patriotism made this country pure, and we exclaim with the great Webster, "Thank God we are Americans," and our women are showing a dexterity most commendable in handling the three-horned dilemma of attending to their ancestors, their contemporaries and their posterity.

The Little Rock Chapter, under the fine leadership of the Chapter Regent, Mrs. Helen M. Norton, is large and flourishing, and new members and interest are being added continually. Contributions to patriotic and charitable funds have been made, a lively interest has been manifested in all the affairs of the National Society. At the annual reception and assembly in January over two hundred guests were entertained. Colonial and revolutionary relics that had been brought from ancestral homes from Maine to Georgia were exhibited. Insignias of Daughters, Dames and Sons sparkled on womanly shoulders and manly lapels as shining marks of pardonable ancestral pride and National patriotism. In fact all the leaves in the Little Rock Chapter's life bear testimony of an increasing enthusiasm. Encouraging reports have been sent to me by Mrs. Wm. D. Reaves, the very efficient Regent at Helena, who feels that her labors will be rewarded by a fully organized Chapter no later than March. Mrs. Mattie Knox Hayman, the Regent at Van Buren, is engendering the interest and accumulating the papers that fortells a complete organization at a very early date. Mrs. Albert Menke, the Regent at Fayetteville; Mrs. Ella Gayle Haughton, the Regent at Prescott, and Miss Black, the Regent at Fort Smith, have not been successful in arousing the necessary interest to establish many members, although they have given their best efforts to the cause, and hope for better things. In the State work I have endeavored, by letter, address and circulars, to start and stimulate a desire on the part of the women to take hold of the work individually and to join the Daughterly circles, and with the loyal assistance accorded me by those already within the folds of the National and Chapter life, I am sure that Arkansas will, year by year, get nearer her alphabetical position in relation to the Daughters and their work. With the wish and prophesy that the Seventh Continental Congress will be all that the loyal liberty-loving legions of members could wish, I am yours in the patriotic bonds of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES MARION HANGER,  
State Regent.

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DELAWARE.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:*  
Again I have the honor to greet you in the name of the Delaware Daughters, United States, Daughters of the American Revolution, and present to you a report of their good work.



The Caesar Rodney Chapter, of Wilmington, has well sustained its reputation during the past year. Under the auspices of the members a most successful loan exhibit for the benefit of the Continental Hall fund was held in the New Century Club. The collection of revolutionary and colonial relics was most valuable and interesting. A unique feature of the decoration was the suspension from the gallery of a spinning wheel, from which our colors were gracefully draped. This wheel was found in the attic of one of the oldest houses in Deerfield, Massachusetts, the home of Rev. John Williams, after his return from captivity in Canada, 1702 to 1704.

On December 7th, the one hundred and tenth anniversary of the ratification of the Constitution by Delaware, a delegation from the Chapter visited the high school, when appropriate exercises were held, and Miss Wapler, the Regent, presented the three prizes which had been offered to the pupils for the best essays on Delaware in Revolutionary times.

The Elizabeth Cook Chapter, of Smyrna, has had a prosperous year. The meetings have been held regularly under the shadows of historic "Old Belmont Hall"—the very name of which is an inspiration.

Contributions have been made to the Continental Hall and Prison Ship funds. The latter fund appeals to this Chapter specially as several of the members have ancestors who suffered and died on the "Jersey."

The Col. Haslet Chapter, of Dover, is just one year old, and the Regent, Mrs. Elizabeth King Anderson, reports a very healthful infancy. Meetings have been held every month. The study of American history has been pursued. Many carefully prepared papers, read by the gifted members, have added to the interest and pleasure of the meetings. A beautiful Colonial Tea was given on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, at the residence of the Regent, the proceeds of which were sent to the Continental Hall fund.

In time to be reported at the Congress came the good news of the organization of the John Pettigrew Chapter in Milford. Miss Tyrena J. Hall, the Regent, has been indefatigable in her efforts, which have been ably seconded by Mrs. M. J. Seymour in the verification of the papers. The Chapter is named in memory of her great-grandfather, who rendered his country distinguished services. He was appointed lieutenant of Naval Forces, July 8, 1776, by the General Assembly of Virginia, afterwards promoted to captain, and received a large grant of land in recognition of his faithful service.

The Delaware Chapters held their first State conference, by invitation of the State Regent, at her residence, on September 11th, anniversary of the battle of the Brandywine. This meeting was called to bring the members into closer relation with each other, and to discuss the best methods for carrying on our work.

The Daughters of the American Revolution in Delaware have united with the Sons of the American Revolution and the Society of the



Cincinnati in an effort to erect a tablet to mark the old Rose House in Wilmington, Washington's headquarters, and a monument in Dover to commemorate the last review and muster of the Delaware Line in 1780.

Respectfully submitted, ELIZABETH CLARKE CHURCHMAN,  
Regent.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:*  
I have the honor to present herewith the report of the Chapters in the District of Columbia for the past year, and it gives me great pleasure to say that the hope expressed in my report of a year ago has been more than fulfilled, and I have only to report continued interest and unfailing friendliness and courtesy as prevailing in each and all of the Chapters. Two new Chapters have been formed, so that we now have eight instead of six well organized Chapters.

As in the past, so now, the oldest Chapter in the District, the Mary Washington, keeps the lead in point of numbers. It had in January, 1898, 206 names on its roll, all full of interest and zeal for work of our Society. From its membership it has, during the past year, supplied the National Board of Management with a Treasurer General, Historian General, Corresponding Secretary General and three Vice-Presidents General, as well as the State Regent of the District. At the annual election of the officers last May, Mrs. Elizabeth Blair Lee, was re-elected Regent, and Miss Mary W. Pearre was made Vice-Regent. The meetings of the Chapter have been regular and well attended, and at several well selected programs of music and historical addresses have been given. At the meeting February 8, 1898, the subject "The Indians During the Revolutionary War and their Methods of Warfare" was discussed, and papers by Prof. W. J. McGee and Miss Elizabeth Bryant Johnson were read and listened to with interest by a large audience. At the close of Prof. McGee's lecture specimens of Indian clubs, tomahawks, bows and arrows and other weapons were exhibited, and some Indian songs given by a full-blooded Indian. Since April, 1897, this Chapter has sent to the National Treasurer \$47.65 additional to their former contributions to the Continental Hall fund. This sum was increased at this Congress by gifts from Mrs. Pearre, the Vice-Regent, of \$10, and from Mrs. Simon Newcomb of \$25, both members of this Chapter. The Mary Washington Chapter has taken great interest in the monument erected at Wakefield by the United States Government and hopes to succeed in having suitable ceremonies at its unveiling this spring.

The Dolly Madison Chapter, since its last report to the Regent of the District of Columbia, has held nine regular meetings at the homes of its different members, thirteen resignations have been received and twelve new members added. Twice during the year death has visited

its ranks and removed two valued members. No special work has been taken up by the Chapter, the meetings usually consisting of general routine business, after which interesting programs of music, both vocal and instrumental, as well as papers, have been given, refreshments have also been served. On May 20, 1897, a beautiful tea was given in honor of Dolly Madison's birthday at the home of Mrs. A. L. Barber. An interesting feature of this tea was the decoration of the parlors with flowers from Mrs. Madison's old home in Virginia. A basket picnic was held at the home of Miss Janet Richards, at Chevy Chase on June 12, 1897. Since April, 1897, this Chapter has sent \$9.00 to the Continental Hall fund. At the annual meeting for the election of officers Mrs. Henry Gannett was elected Regent and Mrs. Charles Sweet Johnson Vice-Regent.

The Continental Chapter comes next in order, and has a good record to make. The public meetings have been regular and well attended, and the papers on the Revolution and other patriotic subjects have been full of interest, the large and interested audiences attesting that they were enjoyed and appreciated. Increasing membership has been the result, so that the Chapter has lost five members by resignation, they have gained twenty-one new members during the year and now number 56. Since April, 1897, this Chapter has sent \$50 to the Continental Hall fund, and the Regent, Mrs. Mary S. Gist, has not slackened in her interest in the work.

The Columbia Chapter in April, 1898, will have completed its fourth year. It numbers 56 members, thirty-nine of whom are resident in the District of Columbia. In March Col. Charles Chaille Long delivered an illustrated lecture upon his life in Korea, in the parlors of Mrs. George Westinghouse, which were kindly loaned for the purpose. From the proceeds of this lecture the Chapter donated \$72 to the Continental Hall fund. In April they purchased a very handsome silk flag, which was dedicated in May, Mrs. H. V. Boynton making the address. In the autumn the Chapter had the misfortune to lose by death one of their honored members, Mrs. Lavin, a charter member of the National Society as well as of the Chapter. Two members have been transferred, one resigned and one died during the year. Miss Mary C. Davenport Chenoweth is still the Regent.

The Martha Washington Chapter continues to prosper and increase gradually year by year. There have been two resignations this last year and four members have been transferred to other Chapters, but their places have been more than filled by new members, whose admission has brought the total membership to 70, of which number 68 are active and two are honorary members. There is among them a growing pride in belonging to an admirable Chapter and an increasing interest in the objects and aims of the Society, and the Regent takes much pleasure in fostering this esprit du corps in every possible way. She hopes within the next year to see the membership increased to 100, with a corresponding advance in patriotic spirit and

worthy undertakings. Some of the members have contributed excellent articles to the AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE, others are preparing contributions for the Magazine, also of the open meetings of the Chapter, which are always most delightful occasions, and are enjoyed heartily by all the members and their friends. These open meetings combine instruction with enjoyment and are eagerly looked forward to by nearly all who have attended them, and have been the means of awakening renewed interest and attracting accessions to their ranks, so that they will probably be held more frequently during the coming year, and made, if possible, more attractive. Miss Lilian Pike is the Regent.

The Army and Navy Chapter has since February, 1897, lost one member by resignation and admitted three, making the present membership 63. A meeting has been held each month excepting July, August and September, generally at the "Ebbitt House," through the courtesy of Mr. Burch. March 1st, after the usual routine business, a paper by the Regent on "The Siege of Boston" was read. Mrs. Chamberlin, a member of the Chapter, then living in Quincy, Mass., who was present for the first time at a Chapter meeting, gave an account of the "Cairn" erected by the "Daughters of the Revolution" on Penn's Hill, Quincy, the spot where Mrs. John Adams sat and watched the shells thrown into Boston from Dorchester Heights. Mrs. Bradbury, Regent of Hannah Winthrop Chapter, of Cambridge, Mass., and Miss Emerson, of the same Chapter, spoke of recent visits to Prospect and to Winter Hills, where were some of Washington's strongest fortifications during the siege. In April a paper on "Ethan Allen and His Green Mountain Boys at Ticonderoga and Crown Point," by the Regent, was read. In May Chapter officers were elected for the year. Mrs. Katharine L. Alden was re-elected Regent. Miss Catherine Miller read from a pamphlet on "Some of the Secret Trials of Washington," finishing the article at the June meeting. The meetings during the year have been full of interest and the papers read unusually fine, particularly one by Mrs. Edward Gheen, of Chester County Chapter, Pennsylvania, on "Our Navy in the Revolution." A unanimous vote of the Chapter was given asking Mrs. Gheen for a copy to be sent to the editor of the Magazine for publication. This Chapter has given \$10 to the "Mary Washington Memorial Association," the first object the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution pledged themselves to work for, and the Chapter has also on hand \$25 for the Continental Hall fund, chiefly the profits of a presentation of scenes from "Alice in Wonderland," which were given under the auspices of this Chapter.

The Manor House Chapter was formed in Washington January 3, 1898, with fourteen members. It has adopted by-laws for its governance and holds public meetings on the third Saturday evening in each month at the "Riggs House," when all members of the Society are cordially welcomed. Miss Ballinger is the Regent. This Chapter and

the Elizabeth Jackson Chapter are the two new Chapters formed in the District. The Elizabeth Jackson is named for the mother of Andrew Jackson, and was organized January 11, 1898. The desire of the members is for a small Chapter of twenty or twenty-five members, so that they can meet comfortably in private parlors. Mrs. Mary C. Wysong is the Regent.

In closing my report as State Regent of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for the District of Columbia, I must thank the members of the various Chapters for the kindness and consideration extended to me during the two years I have been their Regent, and also express my appreciation of the many kindly requests to remain in that position. As I have always maintained that a State Regent was a National officer, and as such only eligible for two terms, I have steadily declined to allow my name to be mentioned for reelection. I think in a Society constituted as ours is, rotation in office is desirable. I have tried to fulfill my duties faithfully and conscientiously and to be considerate of the interests of all, and have attended nearly all of the meetings of the National Board of Management, so as to keep in touch with the work of the Society. Again thanking the Chapters for their loyal support and encouragement, I commend to their kind consideration my successor, Mrs. Mary H. Newcomb.

Respectfully submitted,

VIRGINIA MILLER,  
*State Regent.*

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CONNECTICUT.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* I have the honor to report a large increase in the membership, and a still more gratifying increase in the amount of historical and commemorative work accomplished during the past year by the Connecticut Chapters, Daughters of the American Revolution. Every Chapter has done well, and some have achieved exceptionally brilliant and valuable results. I allude more particularly to the splendidly persistent fight, against great odds, of the Anna Warner Bailey Chapter, which finally resulted in its victory, with the passing of a bill by the General Assembly authorizing the legalization of a State flag, and giving to that Chapter the honor of presenting this first flag to the State of Connecticut.

And to the magnificent work of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, which has carried through almost to its completion a great scheme for restoring the colonial and revolutionary burial place in Hartford; for wiping out of existence a filthy alley-way, which, for a quarter of a century, has been an eye-sore and a disgrace to the city, and of making possible in its place a beautiful boulevard leading from the main street to the Capitol Park. When I mention that the Chapter members contributed \$4,000 to the necessary fund, and secured from friends

enough more to swell the amount to \$15,000, it will be understood that some very energetic work has been done by the Ruth Wyllys Chapter.

Then there is the Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter, of Putnam, which was organized last March with fifty charter members (including one "own" Daughter). Scarcely had its existence been announced when it determined to make a name for itself. And so it has, by contracting for the purchase of the famous Den where a hundred years ago or more, Israel Putnam and a certain wolf held a little argument, which ended disastrously to the wolf. It is the intention of the Chapter to eventually present these acres to the State for a public park.

The special efforts of the Wadsworth and Eunice Dennie Burr Chapters have practically come to a successful issue; monuments in their revolutionary burial places having been restored, substantial stone walls placed around the grounds and handsome iron gateways erected at their entrances. It is a fact of National interest that Commodore Macdonough lies buried in the cemetery at Middletown, which is in the care of the Wadsworth Chapter.

The Sarah Riggs Humphrey Chapter has completed its memorial work, and given back to history many a name and many a record of revolutionary service which had been lost for years.

Several of our Chapters, notably the Sarah Riggs Humphrey, of Derby, and the Freelove Baldwin Stow Chapter of Milford, are now engaged in making complete copies of the fast-fading town records, an undertaking which will be greatly appreciated by the future historians of Connecticut.

The New Milford Chapter has placed upon the outer wall of its Town Hall a handsome bronze tablet to the memory of Roger Sherman, for whom the Chapter was named. It is a matter for congratulation that the occasion was regarded as of such importance that the Chapter could count among its guests two such distinguished men as Senator Hoar and Senator Hawley.

The Katherine Gaylord Chapter has undertaken the restoration and care of the public green, or what in revolutionary days was known as the "Training Ground." Eleven hundred dollars have been collected by the Chapter for this special work, and when completed the "green" will be a thing of beauty and a joy for many a year to come.

A number of our Chapters are offering prizes of books, pictures, or money, for best historical essays by school children. The Stamford Chapter presents finely bound historical works to the pupil entering the high school who passes the best examination in American History.

An interesting addition to the exercises usual on such anniversaries was made last Fourth of July by the Mary Clap Wooster Chapter, of New Haven. The Chapter invited the local Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, members of other patriotic Orders, and the Christian public generally, to a sunrise service of prayer and song, in one of the leading city churches.

The invitation was accepted by a large number, the church was appropriately draped with the Star Spangled Banner, fervent prayer was offered and five minute addresses were made by distinguished clergymen, "America" was sung, and the first sunrise religious service ever observed on the Fourth of July in New Haven, a service beautiful in its simplicity and impressive in its earnestness, passed into history.

I take pleasure in calling attention to the literary efforts of some of our Chapters. Many very valuable historical papers, indicating careful research, and the acquisition of considerable new material, have been written by our "Daughters;" the Roger Sherman and Stamford Chapters have each issued interesting calendars; the Mary Clapp Wooster Chapter has published a complete history of "Our Flag," and the Katherine Gaylord Chapter has now in press the story of its Patron Saint, which was awarded first prize at the Sixth Continental Congress for being the best historical paper submitted to the National Committee on the subject of "A Woman of the Revolution." Brief sketches of our "own" Daughters, and of the women for whom the Connecticut Chapters have been named, are being collected by a committee appointed for that purpose, and it is hoped that the material thus secured will be published in book form during the ensuing year.

The Susan Carrington Clark Chapter still holds the lead for "own" Daughters. Four such members have died during the year, but the names of twelve living "own" Daughters still remain on the Chapter rolls. Connecticut is credited on the National Records with seventy-four "own" Daughters of revolutionary soldiers, their ages ranging from 58 to 104 years. Miss Mary Spooner is an "own" Daughter, and a member of the Ruth Hart Chapter of Meriden. On the 8th of February, 1898, she attained her 104th birthday, and received a congratulatory message from the Connecticut Chapters.

Some of our Chapters are contributing, wholly, or in part, to the support of certain "own" Daughters whose private means are inadequate to their needs, and who have out-lived those upon whom this labor of love would naturally fall. No nobler or more fitting work than this can be undertaken by the Daughters of the American Revolution, and I venture to suggest to the Chapters throughout the country that they assume the care and support of these needy "own" Daughters, rather than seek to secure pensions for them from the United States Government. The number of individuals requiring this kind of assistance cannot be large. Should we not then, as Daughters of the American Revolution, consider it not only a privilege to care for these "Sister-Daughters," but a duty as well, to do what we can to save them from becoming objects of public charity?

Early in 1897 a joint committee, consisting of representatives from the societies of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of the Revolution and the Colonial Dames, was appointed to take up the work of marking his-



torical sites in Connecticut. The work of the committee includes tracing the route of the French Army through Connecticut by means of a study of their various encampments and the traditions attached thereto; locating churches, taverns and houses of colonial and revolutionary days; locating and marking such historic sites as "Old Iron Mine," "Indian Rock," "Witch Rock," and "Execution Hill." This hill marks the spot where Moses Dunbar, the only Tory executed in Connecticut, was hanged and buried. It is now the site of Trinity College, in Hartford.

The committee has also located various camps, trails and cemeteries, each with its tradition of historical fact, and it has petitioned the General Assembly to retain the original Indian names of lakes, hill-tops, mountains, etc.

Many times during the past two years the State Regent has been asked to suggest courses of historical study for Chapters, or for individual "Daughters," and to give information concerning a great variety of topics of general interest to the student of colonial and revolutionary history. The suggestion of a "Bureau of Exchange" grew out of these many requests, and I am glad to say that the experiment is a success and that the "Bureau" is filling a long-felt want. The invitation to Chapters to contribute to the "Bureau" type-written copies of their more valuable historical papers met with favor, and a really choice little collection of original papers has been received by the custodian in charge. Many Chapters are availing themselves of the advantages of this plan to exchange historical papers, and they have thus, themselves, become the medium of supply as well as of demand.

It is not possible in the short space granted for this report to speak in detail of what each Chapter has accomplished, but I mention these special enterprises as examples of what all, in a greater or less degree, are doing.

Death has been busy in our ranks during the past year. So far as reported to me, thirty-three of our members have passed on to other fields of action, and of this number eight were "own" Daughters. The Dorothy Ripley and the Sibble Dwight Kent Chapters have been called to mourn the loss of their respective Regents, and the Freelove Baldwin Stow Chapter has lost by death its Registrar and its Historian.

Since her last annual report to Congress, the State Regent has written 1,341 official letters, and has attended 44 Chapter meetings in various parts of the State. New Chapters have been organized in Putnam, Jewett City, Southington, Thomaston, Winsted, Greenwich and Washington, an increase of seven during the year, thus giving a total of 40 Chapters, one or more in every county in Connecticut. Thirty-nine of these Chapters have already received charters from the National Society.

The Ruth Wyllys Chapter, of Hartford, has a larger membership than any other, though the Mary Clap Wooster Chapter, of New



Haven, is a close second. The Susan Carrington Clark Chapter, of Meriden, shows a larger increase during the year than any other, and carries on its membership rolls the distinguished names of the Countess Waldersee and the Baroness Waechter, both of Stuttgart, Wurtemberg.

The gain in Connecticut's membership during the year 1897 has been 559, and on the authority of the National Officers I am able to state that our total membership to-day is 3,070, that this is a larger number than is credited on the National books to any other State, and that Connecticut is therefore once again the banner State.

Respectfully submitted,

SARA THOMSON KINNEY,  
State Regent.

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FLORIDA.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* My efforts at forming Chapters through the State during the past year have been more successful than formerly. A new Chapter at St. Augustine, under the efficient care of Mrs. Woodruff, has been started with the most promising outlook, and a Chapter is promised at Deland. The Jacksonville Chapter grows not only from those in the city, but from members up and down the river. Semi-monthly meetings are held during the Winter, when revolutionary history has been followed and many original papers read. Last year a prize was given the best essay on American history written by a pupil of the public schools, and a second one is offered this year. A subscription of a hundred dollars has been subscribed by this Chapter to the Continental Hall.

I trust the new State Regent will be more successful in forming Chapters. I feel much encouraged, in the many new and enthusiastic members that are joining, and resign the work with good wishes for its future success. I have enjoyed the pleasant reunions and friendships made, but feel four years of service are all I can spare from my many other duties.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. AMBLER,  
State Regent.

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ILLINOIS.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* My work for our Society in the State of Illinois, during the year just closing, has produced encouraging results. There are four States only which have a larger membership roll, and these, being of the original thirteen, possess superior advantages for the proof of eligibility. Illinois has now twenty organized Chapters, and six Chapter Regents, most of whom have secured a large proportion of the number requisite for organization, and anticipate effecting it early in our coming official year. Miss Mae Davidson, Chapter Regent of Elgin, reporting twelve applications before the National Board; Miss Mary B. Willis, Chapter Regent of Champaign, nine applications; Miss Nettie Crary, Chapter

Regent of La Moille, eight applicants; Prophetstown, Mrs. M. K. Hadanway, Regent, five applicants; Pontiac, Mrs. P. W. Woodson, Regent, three accepted applicants; and Mrs. Dorothy N. Law, of Dixon, who reports more than the necessary number of applicants for membership.

The Chicago Chapter, Mrs. Frederick Dickinson, Regent, the first in our Order to organize, has now the largest membership in the Society, and is active in good works. Its literary meetings are attended not only by its own members, but by associate members from many parts of the State. The Chapter has offered two prizes for essays upon revolutionary subjects by its own members. Besides the standing committees, special ones have been appointed upon revolutionary relics, historical research, and patriotic education, which have greatly extended the scope of the Chapter, and brought it into touch with many and varied interests. An excellent system for the preservation of the records of membership has been devised by the Registrar, Mrs. Richard H. Kerr. The arrangement of the book designed for this purpose is eminently practical and convenient, furnishing at a glance the name of applicant, date of application, date of acceptance, place of residence, and national number of each accepted member; and making it most valuable for future reference, while establishing a uniform system throughout the Chapters. Five hundred (\$500.00) dollars have been contributed by the Chapter from its treasury to the fund for the Continental Hall. A petition for a pension for Mrs. Phebe D. Cleavland, "an own daughter" of a revolutionary soldier, and a charter member of the Chapter, signed by the State Regent and Chapter officers, is now before the Congress of the United States. The Chapter has been active in encouraging the formation of a Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Paris, France.

The North Shore Chapter, of Highland Park, has for the fourth time elected Mrs. William C. Egan as its Regent. Flag Day was celebrated by visiting the High School and taking part in the patriotic exercises of the day, which included the presentation by the Chapter of a medal for the best paper, written by a pupil of the school, upon General Marion. The anniversary of the Boston Tea Party was also observed, each member bringing with her a package of tea, afterwards sent by the Chapter to the Home for Aged Women in Chicago. A prize of a George Washington tea cup and saucer was offered for the best answer to the question, "What is the duty of a Daughter of the American Revolution?" This prize was awarded to Mrs. S. M. Millard for the following response: "To arouse the feeling of love of country, especially among the young, who are so far removed from the great struggle of our ancestors, and their thrilling experience." Mrs. Sarah Ragan, "an own daughter" of a revolutionary soldier, has been made a life member of this Chapter, and has received a souvenir spoon from the National Society. A volume entitled "A History of

the American Flag," by a Daughter of the American Revolution, has been presented by the Chapter to the High School. The club house for the Sons of Foreign Workmen has received constant assistance from the Chapter.

Moline Chapter, of Moline, for five years faithfully served by its organizer and Regent, Mrs. Mary L. Deere, has held bi-weekly meetings during the past year, that of October 19th having been a special commemoration of the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia. A meeting open to guests discussed the Constitution of the United States, taking for its inspiration the words of the eminent English statesman, Gladstone, "The American Constitution is the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man." The Chapter devoted the remainder of the year to a study of our National Government, its program including papers upon "Federal Convention," Congress, the Executive Department, the Judicial Department, and other similar subjects, closing the course by celebrating the anniversary of "the inauguration of Washington, the first President of the United States." The books used for reference by this Chapter form an excellent library, and are noted in its Year Book. On February 22 the High School of Moline gives, under the auspices of the Chapter, a patriotic entertainment consisting of music, selections and essays, at which the Chapter will present the High School with a fine engraving from a portrait of Washington. It has received from the National Librarian General honorable mention for the excellence of its program for study for the years 1894 to 1898, inclusive.

The Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter, of Bloomington, has held monthly meetings in a hall rented for the purpose, having outgrown the capacity of private houses. Mrs. Funk, the Regent of last year, declined to serve a second term, and has been succeeded by Mrs. Harvey C. De Motte. The policy of the Chapter is to maintain active interest among its members by means of numerous committees for varied work, and to place the organization upon a fine parliamentary, intellectual, financial and social basis. Nine prizes, three in each of the three grades of the High School, have been offered for the best essays upon "Patriotism in Its Different Phases." The papers will be read, and the prizes awarded on the 22d of February.

The Fort Dearborn Chapter, of Evanston, celebrated Flag Day by presenting American flags to 1,500 children of the Evanston schools. Representatives of the Chapter visited every public and parochial school on this day, giving to each teacher a printed address to be read to the pupils, in which the reasons for marking the day were simply and clearly stated. Mrs. Julia Rowena Lowne, "an own daughter" of a revolutionary soldier, is a member of the Chapter, and at its annual meeting was presented by its honorary Regent, Miss Cornelia Gray Lunt, on behalf of the National Society, with a souvenir spoon.

The Rockford Chapter adopted a novel program at one of its open meetings, when it had as its guests the pupils of the eighth grade of the city High School. These young people were attired in colonial costumes, and the papers which formed the literary feature of the occasion were written by them. Tableaux were presented representing "Washington at Home" and "The Boston Tea Party." The membership of the Chapter includes "an own daughter" of a revolutionary soldier. The Chapter has contributed \$25 to the fund for the Continental Hall. The Regent, Mrs. H. W. Taylor, has been re-elected for the ensuing year.

The Springfield Chapter has re-elected its organizer and first Regent, Mrs. Charles V. Hickox, and plans for a year of aggressive work.

The George Rogers Clark Chapter, of Oak Park, has observed during the year the anniversaries of the birth of Washington, the Boston Tea Party, the birthday of George Rogers Clark, and the wedding day of General Washington. Upon each occasion spirited addresses were made, and historical reminiscences indulged in. The Chapter extended its patriotic teachings to its suburban neighbors, the German residents of Harlem Settlement, to whom they presented a large American flag. The future will doubtless prove how effective has been the silent teaching of that flag to the children who have it constantly before their eyes as the emblem of the Government of their adopted country. An exhibition of revolutionary and colonial relics, made by the Chapter, attracted widespread interest, and had an educational value far beyond the realization of those who were privileged to examine it; linking by subtle association the present with the past, and evolving, even in the practical minds of the twentieth century, visions of the romance of history. A proposition was made by the Chapter to mark with an appropriate memorial the grave of George Rogers Clark, but the descendants of that patriot anticipate similar action upon the part of our Government. This Chapter itself, in its admirable work, its high aims, and its growing membership, is a fitting monument to the revolutionary hero of the West. A department of American history has been established by the Chapter in the public library of Oak Park, and many valuable standard works already placed there. The first Regent of this Chapter, Mrs. Edward P. Martin, its efficient organizer, retires after two years' service, and is succeeded by Mrs. George M. Davidson.

The Peoria Chapter held its annual meeting April 20, electing a new corps of officers. Miss Caroline Montgomery Rice, who organized this Chapter two years ago, declined a re-election as its Regent, but accepted the office of Vice-Regent. Mrs. Alexander Tyng was elected Regent. A course of American history has been successfully pursued by the Chapter. With a membership of energetic workers in many different lines (literature, music, kindergarten, and the various clubs), the wisdom gained by varied experience animates its councils, and gives ability to reach and influence many different circles in the community.

The Rev. James Caldwell Chapter, of Jacksonville, numbers thirty-eight members. Flag Day was marked by appropriate exercises, and the anniversary of the Boston Tea Party was observed. The Chapter has voted to place in the public library of Jacksonville the AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE and "The Spirit of 1776." It offers a prize for the best paper upon a patriotic theme from a pupil of the city High School. The Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has been invited to unite with this Chapter in its celebration of February 22.

Lincoln Chapter.—The organizer of this Chapter, Miss May Latham, after active service of two years, retires from its Regency, the former Vice-President, Mrs. David Gillespie, succeeding to that office. The intelligent activity which has hitherto characterized the work of this Chapter continues to inspire it. It now contemplates the erection of a fire-proof building to contain the records of Logan County, which are very valuable in the historical annals of the State. A prize has been offered in the High School of Lincoln to the writer of the best paper upon a subject pertaining to the American Revolution. The Chapter is much interested in forming a Society of the Children of the American Revolution. Mrs. Josephine Davis Woodeski, "an own daughter" of a revolutionary soldier, is a member of this organization, and has received the National souvenir spoon.

The year 1897 opened in the Decatur Chapter with an afternoon tea upon the anniversary of Washington's Birthday. The program, eminently suitable to the occasion, was devoted to the consideration of "Washington's Life and Times." Brief talks by the members, and an essay by Mrs. E. P. Warren; Joseffey's minuet, recalling the stately dance of the era; "Yankee Doodle," and "Washington's Funny Song, the Darby Ram," alternated with "America" and "Our Banner Still Waves." The Topic Committee planned the year's work to include a course of American history, and one of University lectures under Chapter patronage. A prize to be offered to the senior class of the Decatur High School is contemplated. Miss M. Belle Ewing, the Chapter organizer, declined to serve a third term.

The Fort Armstrong Chapter, of Rock Island, which derives its name from the old fort situated in its vicinity, also commemorates the revolutionary fame of General Armstrong, of Pennsylvania, who served his country as an officer in its war for freedom, and later rendered efficient civil service as Secretary of the State of Pennsylvania and Minister to France and Secretary of War. Literary meetings are held the last Saturdays of each month from October to June, the course of study covering the American Revolution and the War of 1812, and considering the administrations of the Presidents of the United States from Washington to Lincoln, inclusive. The Year Book of the Chapter forms a valuable text book for students of American history, suggesting subjects of special import in the origin and developing of the Republic, the lives and careers of its eminent men, civil and military,

and its Constitution and political history, and containing an exhaustive list of authorities to be consulted upon these subjects. In connection with this Chapter a Society of Children of the American Revolution has been formed by Mrs. Montgomery, a Chapter member, promising future strength to the local parent organization.

The Illini Chapter, of Ottawa.—Eastern Chapters of our Society find many historic places to mark within their boundaries, for the instruction of generations to come, and delight to honor the spots where sleep the brave defenders of their country's liberty; but the first monument erected in the West to the memory of a revolutionary soldier was dedicated upon the 14th of June, 1897, by the Illini Chapter, of Ottawa, to the memory of Joseph Misner, who fought through the American Revolution, and subsequently emigrated to the territory which is now the State of Illinois, and lived and died in the small town of Millington, in the vicinity of Ottawa, where he is buried, and where his descendants still live. When the sacred grave, unmarked by stone or inscription, was pointed out to Mrs. Sherwood, the Regent of the Illini Chapter, she at once suggested that its members should adopt as their work for the year the raising of a monument to the veteran of 1776. Willing hearts and hands were quick to aid in the noble endeavor. The necessary funds were furnished by the Chapter. Skilled advice was sought as to material and execution, and to-day a granite monument of artistic proportions attests at once the service of the patriot whom it honors, and the devotion of the Chapter which has placed upon it the rehearsal of his faithfulness to his country.

The Amor Patria Chapter, of Streator, has now seventeen members, who hold meetings once in two months, their work being a general topical review of the American Revolution. The difficulties of organization having been surmounted, Mrs. E. C. Barlow, the Chapter Regent, anticipates steady growth and prosperity.

The Princeton, Illinois, Chapter celebrated, as is its custom, the 22d of February. Two "own daughters" of revolutionary soldiers are prospective members of the Chapter, which is unique as being composed chiefly of descendants of the Poet Bryant. Mrs. Austin Reeves organized the Chapter, and is its Regent.

The Dorothy Quincy Chapter, of Quincy, applied for its charter on April 1, 1897, receiving it May 28. Its "study class" in American history holds monthly meetings, made deeply interesting by sketches of Chapter ancestors from the pens of the descendants. Many places connected with the history of the State of Illinois have been recorded in the Chapter records. A Society of the Children of the American Revolution is in progress of organization by the Chapter Regent, Miss Cornelia Collins.

The Kewanee Chapter was organized by the efforts of its energetic Regent, Mrs. James K. Blish, upon the 17th of June, 1897, and chartered December 27 of this year. It has a membership of thirteen.



The Warren Chapter, of Monmouth, has not confined its work to that town, but has vigorously prosecuted it in Warren County, and at the close of its first year has a membership of forty. Pilgrims' Day, December 22, was celebrated with enthusiasm. The Chapter includes seven lineal descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers. Mrs. J. C. Burns, Chapter Regent.

The Shadrack Bond Chapter, of Carthage, held its first reception at the home of Judge Mack, receiving a hundred guests, among whom were the faculty of Carthage College with their wives, and the teachers of the public schools. All united in singing national songs. A solo was given, entitled "How Grandma Danced the Minuet." A magnetic and inspiring address was made by Mrs. Laura M. Noyes, the Chapter Regent, to whom it owes its organization. The charter has been received, and will be framed in wood from the log cabin of Abraham Lincoln.

In concluding my report I beg, with much regret, to tender to the National Society my resignation as State Regent of Illinois, impaired health rendering it impossible for me to longer perform the duties of that honorable office.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE W. L. KERFOOT,  
State Regent.

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INDIANA.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:*  
It is with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret that I present my fourth and last report as State Regent of Indiana. These four years as State Regent, with a year and a half as Chapter Regent, have been full of interest. Life has been richer and deeper through my relations, as a Daughter of the American Revolution, with the Daughters of the East and South, the North and the far West. As daughters of our revolutionary sires we are as sisters in our devotion to the principles adopted by our glorious Order. My relations with the Daughters of Indiana have been of the most cordial and friendly character. The acquaintance of such superior women has been a rare privilege, and formed as it was, through mutual sympathy and interest in our great Order, it has developed true friendship. My efforts have always met the most kindly courtesy, unwearied patience, and enthusiastic response. The fruits of the labors of four years seem small compared with those of adjoining States, but if the conditions are considered, that we have no very large cities to draw from, our numbers will seem greater. Each year is marked by the decided growth in the stability of the Chapters heretofore organized, and in a constantly growing interest of greater numbers of women. It is now a fact of public note that a great wave of enthusiasm and interest in patriotism is sweeping over the country. It has affected the pulpit, the press, and literature. The drama, so sensitive to public taste, has also become patriotic.



This ennobling wave of enthusiastic patriotism has no doubt been instigated and influenced by the amazing growth of our great hereditary patriotic Society. Indiana is responding in sympathy, and her sons and daughters are industriously rewriting her history by tracing their own lineages and those of their revolutionary ancestors, and by collecting data of that period when Indiana was a colonial territory and a part of that State (Augusta County, Virginia) which was almost a continent. The details of the growth in this State are interesting, but a brief account only can be given.

During our short history of four years we have had the honor of having five own daughters—Mrs. Eliza Brown, who died two years since, and Mrs. Rachel Wilson, of the General de Lafayette Chapter; Mrs. Diana Evans Moore, of the General Van Rensselaer Chapter; Mrs. Eliza Johnson, of Ligonier, and Mrs. Patsy Patterson, of the Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter. The spoons given to these venerable ladies by the National Society were received by them with great pleasure. Mrs. Eliza Johnson was only a member of our Society about six weeks, but during that time she was much interested, and received the spoon with much interest. She passed away after a brief illness on January 21, 1898.

We have now eight organized Chapters, and twelve unorganized. One Regent, Mrs. McNutt, of Terre Haute, has resigned. No one has as yet been appointed to fill the vacancy. The Children of the American Revolution were reported last year as having been organized by Mrs. Flora S. Wulschner, the President of the Children of the American Revolution for Indiana. This year this Society is represented by a delegate, Mrs. H. C. G. Bals, the recently elected President of the Mary Gibson Society.

REPORT of the Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter.—During the year the Chapter has had a wholesome growth, and now numbers one hundred and eight (108) members. There have been no deaths in the Chapter, and but two members have resigned, and no transfers to other Chapters. There have been four entertainments given by the Chapter during the year, besides several business meetings. On the evening of the 22d of February, 1897, at the residence of Mrs. E. C. Atkins, a delightful entertainment was given, to which were invited, in addition to the members and their guests, all the resident Sons of the American Revolution. A paper on Washington's career, illustrated by stereopticon views, was read by the Rev. Mr. Dewhurst, which, with music, etc., made a very delightful evening. June 5 the Chapter entertained the Children of the American Revolution at the Country Club, where, after a paper on "Colonial Homes" was read by Miss Sloan, there were refreshments and a dance, added to which was the great delight the children had in the spacious grounds and on the water. October 7 the annual meeting of the Chapter was held at the home of the Regent, Mrs. Sayles. At this meeting, after hearing the

reports of the officers, it was voted to subscribe twenty-five dollars to the fund providing permanent headquarters for the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington. Mrs. H. C. G. Bals then read an interesting paper on "Historical Spots About Boston," after which the annual election of officers was held, resulting as follows: Regent, Mrs. Albert Baker; Vice-Regent, Miss Eliza G. Browning; Secretary, Mrs. George W. Sloan; Treasurer, Miss Brook Griffin; Registrar, Mrs. J. N. Hurty; Historian, Mrs. J. M. Winters. December 14 the members of the Chapter gave a reception and "ye olden time dance" at the home of Mrs. W. H. Coleman. During the reception in the spacious and elegant parlors an orchestra in the hall played patriotic airs, and Mrs. Wallace sang. Later in the evening all adjourned to the ball-room, where the minuet and other dances were enjoyed. In addition to the Chapter there were about two hundred other guests present. January 20, 1898, there was called a meeting of the Chapter at the home of the Regent, Mrs. Baker, for the election of delegates to the National Congress at Washington, to be held February 22. After the routine business the election was held, resulting in the selection of the following delegates and alternates: Delegates, Mrs. Albert Baker, Mrs. E. C. Atkins, Mrs. Charles Fairbanks; alternates, Mrs. Addison Bybee, Mrs. H. C. G. Bals, Miss Florence Malott. Mrs. Foster then read several very interesting invitations to attend entertainments in New York, Minnesota, etc. The Secretary was instructed to correspond with the Milwaukee Chapter in regard to the desecration of the National flag, and to offer the Chapter's cordial coöperation in any effort to prevent such desecration. Mrs. Winchester presented to the consideration of the Chapter the subject of securing a memorial room, where mementoes of Caroline Scott Harrison (for whom this Chapter is named) might be preserved and seen. The suggestion met with cordial approval, but was postponed for want of time to consider. February 14 there was a meeting of the Chapter held at the home of Mrs. John H. Holliday. The meeting was distinguished by the presentation to Mrs. Patsy Patterson of a souvenir spoon of gold, she being a "Daughter of the American Revolution" in verity. The presentation was most happily made by our State Regent, Mrs. C. C. Foster, on behalf of the National Society. This was followed by music and recitations, and a spirited address by Miss Catherine Merrill on "The Heroes of the Battle of Stony Creek," after which the meeting became informal and social in its nature. Respectfully submitted, ANNA C. BAKER, *Regent*.

REPORT of the General de Lafayette Chapter, No. 78.—The General de Lafayette Chapter, of Lafayette, Indiana, met for the first meeting of its fourth year at the residence of Mrs. Frances E. Lingle, on September 6, 1897. As that date is the anniversary of the birth of America's distinguished ally, an effort is always made to make the day especially and appropriately interesting. On this occasion a lecture was

given by Madame Pauline Mariotte Davies, professor of French at Purdue University, giving a sketch of General Lafayette from a French standpoint, and was most interesting. A literary program is arranged as heretofore with historical intents in view. The first (September 6) and last (June 6) meetings of the year are open meetings, when the hostess entertaining may serve refreshments and invite guests outside of the Chapter. At the intervening meetings no refreshments are served, although guests may be invited by the hostess. The membership is at present eighty-eight, with the papers of two new members already under advisement. The last member admitted to our Chapter is an "own daughter," Mrs. Rachel Wilson, who is seventy-eight years of age. Death has removed one of our number—a charter member of our Chapter—Mrs. Mary Butler Emerson. There has been one transfer to another Chapter, and one received by transfer to our own. The number enrolled since the organization of the Chapter is ninety-three. Number of new members within the past year, eight. The officers are as follows: Regent, Miss Mary Elizabeth Bruce; Vice-Regent, Mrs. Lida Atkins Andrew; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Carrie Strickland Ankeny; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Annette Winter Ball; Treasurer, Mrs. Jessie Vermilya Carnahan; Registrar, Mrs. Cora Howe Moore; Historian, Mrs. Jessie Levering Cary. On January first occurred the annual reception. The ladies kept open house at the residence of Mrs. Cora Howe Moore, this being the third year the custom has been followed, each year proving it more of a success than the previous one. Two hundred and fifty-six visitors enrolled their names in the book provided for that purpose. The members received in colonial dress, many of the costumes being heirlooms, and exceedingly quaint and interesting. At the meeting of January 6 the following delegates and alternates were selected to represent the Chapter at the Seventh Continental Congress, February 22, 1898: Delegates, Mrs. James M. Fowler, Mrs. John O. Perrin; alternates, Mrs. Blanche Vinton Stahl, Mrs. J. J. Skinner. Respectfully submitted, MARY ELIZABETH BRUCE, *Regent*.

The General Van Rensselaer Chapter, Mrs. McCoy, Regent, has had a flourishing year. The twenty-seven Daughters have held regular monthly meetings, and celebrated Flag Day by a very successful loan exhibit held in the residence of the Regent. The proceeds of the small fee were devoted to the purchase of a very large and handsome flag to be presented to the new Court House, which was dedicated on Washington's Birthday.

The Vanderburgh Chapter, of Evansville, Mrs. A. S. Butterfield, Regent, has recently begun a new year with fifteen members, and a good prospect of entering upon an interesting year through the study of the Wars of the American Revolution.

The Paul Revere Chapter, Muncie, Mrs. M. R. Marsh, Regent, is a very enthusiastic Chapter. Seven meetings have been held. One open

meeting was held, to which were invited those who were supposed to be eligible. A valuable list of ancestral relics owned by the members has been made by this Chapter, including a sword presented by General Lafayette.

The Spencer Chapter, Mrs. L. H. Fowler, Regent, reports thirteen members and a profitable year of study, with monthly meetings. July fourth and February twenty-second are celebrated, the families of the Daughters of the American Revolution being invited. The children are especially invited to participate in the special exercises for those days. One "own son" lives in Spencer, whose father, a revolutionary soldier, is buried in Spencer. The Regent has located nine graves of revolutionary soldiers in that county, and still hears there are others. The charter was received February 2.

The Chapter of Huntington, Mrs. A. S. Hawley, Regent, is a new and valuable addition to the list. One year since there was only one Daughter in Huntington. In June the Regent was appointed. December 16 the Chapter organized and now has nineteen members, and has begun the study of history, and also of parliamentary rules. The charter was received January 12.

The latest addition to the list of Chapters is the Crawfordsville Chapter, Mrs. J. T. Thomas, Regent, which was organized January 31 with fourteen members. The State Regent made a delightful visit to this Chapter a few days later, and read a paper upon the development of the National Society, and gave instructions to the officers.

The twelve Regents of unorganized Chapters report additions, and several Chapters are on the eve of organization. There has been a large number of additions to the membership at large.

I cannot close this, my last, report without urging upon all the Daughters still greater loyalty to our National Society and its best and highest interests. And to attain a high degree of pure and unselfish loyalty all strife for individual preferment must be subdued or disastrous will be our future. For six years I have received constant courtesy and unflinching patience from all the National officers and the Daughters throughout my State and the country at large. I ask the same courtesy for my successor, and her path will be smooth.

Respectfully submitted,      HARRIET MCINTIRE FOSTER,  
State Regent.

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INDIAN TERRITORY.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:*  
How swiftly times flies! Another year has come and gone, and, I am sorry to say, that I am not able to send up to headquarters such report as would not only be delightful to myself, but also gratifying to the chief officers of our great Association. Yet I have done all in my power to place the claims of our Society before the people of the Territory, and to find persons eligible to membership in its ranks. While

have not been successful in procuring memberships, I have met quite a number of ladies who seem anxious to become Daughters, but find it a little difficult to procure the necessary evidence of their descent from their revolutionary ancestors. And now I ask myself, What shall I do? Shall I renounce the fond desires which I have cherished for our cause in this Territory? I think not; and shall still endeavor to place before the people not only the claims, but also the beauties of our noble organization. It might be proper to explain, as I have done in a previous report, that, while the Territory is mainly occupied by the Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes, the white population is composed of people who have recently moved into the country from the surrounding States, thus rendering it less easy to find material for the organization of Chapters. But, although not able to submit such report as would be pleasing to myself, and praying the divine blessing upon the entire sisterhood of the Daughters of the American Revolution, I remain,

Respectfully,

MRS. WALTER A. DUNCAN,  
*State Regent.*

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IOWA.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* It is an honor, as well as a satisfaction, to report the growing interest of Iowa in the work of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. It has been a progressive year for all the Chapters of my State; numbers of new organizations have been formed, and almost all have largely increased membership. Chapter work has been done more thoroughly than ever before, new methods have sparkled on the pages of Chapter reports, the social life of towns and cities has been quickened and intensified, memorial days more generally and enthusiastically celebrated, and the bond of union between local Chapters and the National Society greatly strengthened.

Commemorative and historical work of the kind entered into with so much zest by Chapters in towns or localities rich in revolutionary battlefields, relics, or monuments, is practically unknown in the West, but the preservation of the past is none the less zealously guarded in patriotic remembrance. In an organization of the character of the Daughters of the American Revolution merit finds vindication in results, and not only has this Society indicated its worth in its expansion, but its progress has commended its plans and aims and spirit to this whole country and to other countries. The utility of this organization in my State in one respect alone, namely, as encouraging the study of American history, can scarcely be estimated. The constant and unceasing call for histories and books of reference made by Chapters is doubtless but the beginning of future and continuous interest in the study.

Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution are now

practically organized in all of the large cities and started in a majority of the towns. The Daughters of the American Revolution, like any other society, however lofty in purpose and practical in organization, cannot grow or work by virtue of mere aim and plan. Our Society needs work, wise and unremitting and indefatigable on the part of those who believe in it, and this is particularly true in a State where from the distance between Chapters, much of the interest of the Society must be kept alive by the friendly interchange of courtesies. It has been my privilege and pleasure to visit every Chapter in Iowa, and although but a very small part of the great Daughters of the American Revolution Society, Iowa has caught something of its spirit, influence, and potency. My surprise in crossing the State was to see the wonderful development and activity of the local Chapters, none of them great in numbers, but all abundant in hope and ambition to make their work profitable and enjoyable.

The Patriotic Stars and Stripes Chapter, of Burlington, with twenty-eight members enrolled, and others waiting for enrollment, though late in having presentation in the Congress, has had a successful Chapter history, accomplished a fair amount of work in a short time, and under its efficient Regent, Mrs. Cate Kilbert Wells, gives guarantee of greater future progress.

The Council Bluffs Chapter, Miss Isabella Patterson, Regent, represented even at so great a distance from Washington by a delegate, is a bright, interesting Chapter of twenty-three members. With the method and systematic perfectness of older organized Chapters, it conducts the business of Chapter meetings, and shows an enviable record of excellency in the variety, originality, and quality of its programs.

The Sarah McCalla Chapter, of Chariton, Mrs. Corilla C. Lewis, Regent, while one of the earliest formed Chapters in Iowa, has not been represented until this year. The Chapter has caught the inspiration which comes from working for a good cause, and, although increase in numbers is not especially marked, there is enthusiasm sufficient for a Chapter much larger, and it is of the steady kind. While other Chapters may boast of their many proud possessions, Chariton claims, through its Regent, the distinction of writing and publishing a patriotic song entitled "The Old Thirteen."

The Des Moines Chapter, Mrs. Alice C. Bailey, Regent, enjoys many distinctions, not only being the first organized Chapter in Iowa, discovering and claiming the first real Daughter in the State, but for the uniform, steady, and satisfactory good work done in the Chapter.

The Hannah Caldwell Chapter, of Davenport, Mrs. N. C. Wylie, Regent, deserves more than passing note. Among its enthusiastic and most helpful members is Mrs. M. L. Putnam, first State Regent of Iowa. The full and accurate statistics of Chapter numbers and the work done are not so necessary to mention, as the spirit and zeal of the work. The social meetings of the Davenport Chapter have been



a marked feature in its annals, and under the Regency of Mrs. Wylie the Chapter has anticipations of increased usefulness.

The Manchester Chapter, Mrs. Terrill, Regent, has done exceptionally good and thorough work. Its career has been onward, upward and outward; its growth full of promise for the future. That the Chapter is enthusiastic, the fact that some of its members come from towns miles away attests. The Chapter adopts the sensible habit of having social meetings, and having timely subjects for discussion, and is ambitious to be represented at every National Congress.

Iowa City organized the Pilgrims Chapter, January 17, 1898, with thirteen members. It has no report, but if from the interest in organization one may argue future usefulness, the newest Iowa Chapter will soon take its place as one of the most important.

The Dubuque Chapter, May Rogers, Regent, has enjoyed a year of growth, and in the celebration of memorial days and the preparation of chapter programs has entered with increased zeal into the study of American history. One may sum up the number of new members and note the interest taken during the year, but they are nothing but bare facts and represent but a part of what has been accomplished.

Martha Washington Chapter, Sioux City, Mrs. George J. Stevens, Regent, is one of the most progressive and energetic of Iowa Chapters, as well as one of the oldest. Under efficient Regents, who gave willingly of time and strength, the work of this Chapter has gone on steadily with an unbroken record of prosperity. It has been of recognized service in the community in the work it has done, through its earnest and competent leaders and loyal members.

The Mayflower Chapter, Red Oak, Iowa, Mrs. John Hays, Regent, was organized in June, 1897. Its first year of successful work is an happy augury of its future, and through the same effort, coöperation, and energy as its small but loyal numbers evinced last year, we can but expect increased power and influence.

Clinton Chapter, Mrs. Armstrong, Regent, still retains the palm as the largest of Iowa Chapters, and feels the stimulation that comes from well organized, concerted action and large numbers. The literary work done by this Chapter is of interest, and its social meetings of an high order of excellence. The Chapter has been the medium through which National holidays are observed, thus enhancing the value of the Chapter both for the members and for the community.

The Elizabeth Claypoole Ross Chapter, Ottumwa, Mrs. Alice Mitchell, Regent, last but not least of recorded Chapters, has the vigor and spirit of the best example of a patriotic Chapter. With programs showing most careful and conscientious study, the work of the Chapter is inspiring in its spirit, and most helpful in its ever increasing field of usefulness. Its list of members shows a steady increase, and the prophecy for its future success is based upon its exceptional past.

The twelve organized Chapters of Iowa are closely followed by several on the point of organization, but if the Chapters have failed to



materialize where confidently expected to this year, the knowledge and name of the Daughters of the American Revolution has become known and been of service in the work it has done. If the spirit of the town of Cedar Rapids is to be the spirit of the Chapter, wonderful results will certainly be forthcoming. Keokuk with eight members, Marshalltown six, Cedar Falls, Waterloo, West Union, almost as many, make the prophecy safe that the present Spring will see their organization complete. Tipton, Estherville, Belmond, Washington, Cherokee, are starting points for other Chapters. They are points, mere dots, but thoroughly loyal ones, showing where the work of the Society has found supporters and taken root to blossom soon into flourishing Chapters. These isolated members are not alone, but part of the 2,500, under the same banner, recorded in the same great record book, reading the same pages, observing the same memorial days, one in work. This gives a feeling of kinship, which increases by reflection on the character of the great fraternity of which we are all a part. While much of the work in Iowa may yet seem desultory and unorganized, it is so only in appearance, for it is from first interesting one or two in a place that work finally takes hold. A work of so few years, under such disadvantages as exist in Iowa, can hardly discover results more encouraging, rather must they be felt to be growing as the purposes are taking deeper hold and steadily throwing out influence in every direction.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA A. COOLEY,  
*State Regent.*

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KANSAS.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* Kansas has added no new Chapters to her roll since our last annual meeting, but each Chapter has increased steadily. In our three Chapters at Topeka, Wichita, and Lawrence are enrolled members from all parts of the State, from places where eventually we hope to organize. Interest is increasing, and every mail brings inquiries concerning the work, and the processes of admission. Kansas is backward in nothing, and ere long, notwithstanding the scarcity of old families, she promises a splendid organization.

The Topeka Chapter has constantly grown. Meetings are held each month, with the exception of the vacation months of July, August and September. All meetings were well attended, and much interest manifested in the welfare and growth of the Society. Two public meetings were held during the year, a New Year's reception at the home of the Regent, Mrs. A. H. Horton, and a Washington tea party at Mrs. Handy's. The membership has increased from twenty-one to thirty-nine, with several other applications at Washington for approval. Programs upon historical subjects are prepared for each meeting. A prettily bound annual program of their work is at hand. One thing

that adds interest to the Topeka Chapter is the fact that they have a real Daughter among their number. She is Mrs. Margaret Wright Brown, aged ninety-four. She has received the National Society souvenir, of which she is very proud. At their election of officers for the coming year they report the following: Regent, Mrs. M. M. Miller; Vice-Regent, Mrs. George D. Hale; Secretary, Mrs. A. L. Daniels; Registrar, Miss Bell M. Thompson; Treasurer, Mrs. H. I. Cook; Historian, Mrs. Homer Boughton; Advisory Board, Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Martin.

The Betty Washington Chapter, at Lawrence, reports a growth of from twelve to twenty-one during the past year, with many more applications in. This historic town will furnish many daughters who are now diligently tracing their ancestry. Their great difficulty is lack of reference books, and for these they wish to strain every point for funds. They ask for a new Chapter, and that it be called the Susanna Lawrence, the worthy grandmother of Amos Lawrence, for whom the town was named. The Betty Washington has joined the ranks of the monument fund, and forwarded her money. With their able Regent, Miss Mary L. Robinson, at their head, they are bound to succeed.

Interesting reports come often from the Eunice Sterling Chapter at Wichita. The growth of this Chapter has been good, and working in unison with the Sons of the American Revolution organization in a social way. They report the organization a great social one, as well as an inspiration to patriotism and to study. Together the societies celebrated the anniversary of the battle of Saratoga on October 16. A royal good time was reported and plans for like future events. Mrs. Katherine Lewis is their honored Regent.

The Kansas Chapters are earnest and enthusiastic in the protest mailed and to be read at the Continental Congress, and anxiously awaiting the result.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA A. HAND,  
State Regent.

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KENTUCKY.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:*  
In rendering my report of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Kentucky, I take pleasure and pride in the statement that the year has been fruitful of the best possible results to Kentucky and the national cause. A wave of renewed interest has swept over our land, leaving a substantial proof in the readiness with which the various Chapters have assumed the responsibility of great undertakings. To an appeal for contributions to the "Continental Hall fund" I received a most generous response. From the Lexington Chapter, \$50; Bryan Station, \$25; Susannah Hart Shelby, \$25; Jemima Johnson, \$20; Keturah Moss Taylor, \$10; Madison County, \$5; Boonesborough, \$5, and the John Marshall Chapter, \$44 (last year this Chapter sent \$30), making from our State for the year \$184.

The Elizabeth Kenton Chapter, of Covington, has on hand for the immediate future the erection of a monument to Simon Kenton. The Rebecca Bryan Boone, of Newport, has for its purpose the rebuilding of the Boone monument in Frankfort Cemetery. It has been assisted in this laudable enterprise by contributions from several of the Chapters, collected from the school children in the respective towns on "Boone Day." Lexington Chapter sent \$5, Boonesborough \$2, and the Jemima Johnson \$2. The Susanna Hart Shelby Chapter, of Versailles, and the Boonesborough Chapter, of Richmond, are both pledged to assist in this work. The Keturah Moss Taylor Chapter, of Newport, has offered a gold medal to the pupil in the public schools obtaining the best average in American history, and has given a very successful musical and literary entertainment. The Regent, Mrs. Forse, organized a history class, and opened with a delightful tea. The Jemima Johnson Chapter, Paris, presented a handsome portrait of Washington to the school in the town. The Lexington and Bryan Station Chapters, of Lexington, issued a patriotic paper on last Fourth of July, to raise funds for marking historical spots, etc., in addition to the generous contribution of both Chapters to the Continental Hall fund. The Lexington Chapter had for its guest during the year the President General, Mrs. Adlai Stevenson, who was handsomely entertained by one of the members. These two Chapters also extended in a most hospitable manner a welcome to the delegates to the State Conference, held in the city of Lexington on February 2. An elegant luncheon was spread by the Regent of Lexington Chapter, Mrs. Dudley Short. The hall where the delegates assembled was artistically decorated with flags and bunting, and every convenience furnished for the comfort of visiting Daughters. The John Marshall Chapter, of Louisville, has undertaken the erection of a monument to General George Rogers Clark. This Chapter has always been loyal to the national cause, and responded heartily to every appeal. In addition to the Continental Hall contribution this year, it sent \$7 to the Lafayette monument to be erected in France, and increased a former contribution to the National Mary Washington Monument Association to \$75. The Valentine Peers Chapter, of Maysville, has its charter framed from the wood of a cedar tree grown on the battle ground of Blue Lick. This was presented by Miss Katherine Ross, who personally superintended the cutting and transporting of the tree to her own town, where the frame was made.

I have appointed Regents in the following places, and they are all actively at work: New Liberty, Paducah, Winchester, Georgetown, Hopkinsville, Danville, Ashland, Eminence, and Mt. Sterling. In every case before appointing a Regent I have received the highest recommendations and made careful inquiry as to their ability for the position. I find for success it requires a woman of not only executive ability, but a degree of personal magnetism, for so much depends upon

her power to attract others and convince them of the enthusiasm which in many cases they do not feel. I have also secured the names of persons in various parts of the State, and corresponded with not a few; have written since last March over four hundred letters. I have truly lived this year in contact with revolutionary spirits, for some of the descendants of these heroes in Kentucky have verified without question in my mind lineal descent, by the indefatigable and persevering struggles against many and despairing odds.

Three Chapters have been organized: Owensboro, the General Evan Shelby Chapter, Regent, Mrs. Rosa Burwell Todd; Paducah, Paducah Chapter, Regent, Mrs. B. E. Reid; Winchester, Martha Taliaferro Chapter, Regent, Mrs. Betsy Taliaferro Beckner. Success was the reward of persistent effort on the part of these women. There is prospect of flourishing Chapters soon in Danville, Ashland, and New Liberty. Everywhere throughout the State the most lively interest is manifested, and I have met with the earnest coöperation of the Daughters, for which great assistance I cordially thank them.

Respectfully submitted,

ANN HELEN MAXWELL,  
State Regent.

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MAINE.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* It gives me great pleasure to present to you the following report. Maine at last is showing an interest in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Since the 10th of March, 1897, to February the 14th, 1898, four Chapter Regents have been appointed and five Chapters formed. A Chapter will be organized in a few days at Thomaston. We now have nine Chapters and twelve Regents in the State. Four Chapters have secured charters this year. Letters have been sent to Dexter, Farmington, Waldoboro, Sullivan, Fryeburg, Saco and Bath, and ladies are agitating the matter, and we hope to hear soon from them. Portland has the banner Chapter. The "Elizabeth Wadsworth" was represented at the Congress by its Regent and two delegates. We claim a few real Daughters.

Trusting that the work will still go on and our numbers increase,

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN FRYE WHITE,  
State Regent.

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MARYLAND.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* The State Regent of Maryland has the honor to report to the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, at its annual meeting on the 21st of February, 1898, that the three Chapters established in the State of Maryland are located and designated as follows: The Baltimore Chapter, presided over by Mrs. J. Pembroke Thom, Chapter Regent; the Maryland Line Chapter, also of Baltimore city, presided

over by Miss Elizabeth Pennington, and the Frederick Chapter, located in the town of Frederick, presided over by Mrs. John Ritchie, Regent. Short reports of the condition and interest taken by the members of these Chapters are furnished by their Regents, and are made a part of this general report by the State Regent. The Baltimore Chapter has had regular meetings during the year, at many of which papers were read on some revolutionary subject or hero. Peggy Stewart Day, the 19th of October, was celebrated by a reception, at which a paper appropriate to the occasion was read by a member of the Chapter. A musical, devoted chiefly to patriotic songs and anthems, was given on the evening of the anniversary of the inauguration of General Washington, April 30, 1787. A gold medal has been offered for the best essay on a revolutionary subject to the girls of the Eastern and Western High Schools. Contributions have been made to the Memorial Hall and to the Washington statue to be erected in France. Twenty-seven members have been added during the year, one by transfer. Three have been transferred to other Chapters, one resignation, and one death. The choice of the Baltimore Chapter for the statue to be placed in Statuary Hall in Washington fell upon Cecilius Calvert and John Eager Howard.

REPORT of the Maryland Line Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.—This Chapter has contributed twenty-five dollars to the Continental, or Memorial, Hall. The choice of names for Maryland statuary fell upon John Eager Howard and Francis Scott Key. A musicale given by the Chapter was greatly enjoyed, and has helped to create an interest in the work of the Chapter. An address by Miss Charlotte Thompson on the National University was listened to by the members with great pleasure. On February 18, at the home of the Historian, the first of a series of papers on revolutionary periods was read by Miss Lilian Giffen on the "Spirit of Maryland Before Lexington," in which was given a most excellent account of the State at that time.

REPORT of the Frederick Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.—The Chapter has had regular meetings during the year, and valuable papers have been contributed by the members. Seven members have been added to the Chapter. One resignation has been presented and accepted. Fifty dollars was contributed by this Chapter, to be used for the relief of the sufferings of the Greek soldiers, and sent with a copy of a set of resolutions expressing sympathy for the cause in which they were engaged. The Chapter is in receipt of a letter from the Queen of Greece acknowledging the receipt of both resolutions and money, and expressing a very lively appreciation of the same.

It had been the intention of the State Regent in accepting the office which had been conferred upon her one year ago to have devoted much more time to the extension of the Daughters of the Ameri-

can Revolution in Maryland, but, owing to circumstances unforeseen at the time of her acceptance of the office, she has been unable to carry out the plans she had then in view for the benefit and extension of this Society. Finding that the position of State Regent involved duties that required the devotion of much more time than she had been able to spare, it had become clear to her that it will be necessary to give up the position with which she had been honored, and to resume her place among the rank and file, and to suggest the election of a State Regent for Maryland who is in a position to give much more of her time to the duties.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER GILL JACKSON,  
State Regent.

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MASSACHUSETTS.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:*  
In making my report for this year as State Regent, I am happy to be able to assure you that the work has gone on steadily in the regular lines. As nearly as can be estimated, our Order has in Massachusetts almost twenty-five hundred members. It is impossible to be exact, as there is no record of the members at large. The plan recently adopted by the National Board, or sending to the State Regents the names and addresses of these members, is most excellent and is often the means of establishing new Chapters. Among our members we have a goodly number of "Own Daughters," of whom there are about thirty in the State. Of these, one Chapter has eleven and another five, the rest being variously distributed. So far as yet known, Massachusetts can claim the youngest "Real Daughter" in the country. This is Mrs. Victoria Rockwell Blanchard, born May 24, 1841. Her father, Jeremiah Rockwell, was eighty-seven years old when she was born. She lives in Holyoke and is a member of the Mercy Warren Chapter, of Springfield, Massachusetts. Her brother, Cyrus S. Rockwell, of East Dickinson, New York, two and a half years her junior, is probably the youngest "Own Son" in the country.

Since the Sixth Continental Congress eight Chapter Regents have been appointed in this State, and most of them have their Chapters well under way. Many places where no Chapters yet exist have been visited by me in order to arouse interest in the work, this seeming to be one of the most important duties of the State Regent. The various Chapters already formed have during the past year been active in many lines of patriotic work. Lectures by various distinguished speakers on subjects of historic interest, the marking of historic spots and the offering of prizes to schools for historic essays by the pupils are the principal items of their work for the general public. It would be tedious for you to read detailed accounts of what each has accomplished. Where "many Daughters have done virtuously" it seems hardly proper to distinguish any, but there were two occasions of general interest to



which I must refer. One of these was an exhibition of colonial and revolutionary relics given by the Molly Varnum Chapter, of Lowell, which was unusually interesting and valuable, even for a region which possesses so much of this material as does the "Old Bay State." The second was the celebration of the first anniversary of the Old South Chapter, of Boston, by a large and enthusiastic meeting held in the historic church from which it takes its name.

The annual State conference, which we have found to be of the greatest importance in stimulating the patriotic feeling of the State, was held this year for the first time outside of Boston, on invitation of the Mercy Warren Chapter, of Springfield, the oldest and largest Chapter in the State. It is hoped that hereafter this conference may be held in different localities, so that all sections may share in the benefits of the enthusiasm which it always arouses and which leads both to the increase of our numbers and to greater unity and sympathy among our members. Thus, while rejoicing in the prosperity of the past, we look forward hopefully to the future. May it have even better things in store for all of us!

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. T. M. BROWN,  
*State Regent.*

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MINNESOTA.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* I beg herewith to submit to you my sixth and last report as State Regent of Minnesota. Our work during the year has been characterized by a widening interest and steady growth. We now have eight organized Chapters in the State, two new ones having been added during the year, to wit: The Winona Chapter, of Winona, Mrs. W. H. Yale, Regent, and the Faribault Chapter, of Faribault, Miss Stella C. Cole, Regent. Four additional Regents have been appointed and confirmed, namely: Mrs. Edward Durant, of Stillwater; Mrs. R. S. Gale, of St. Cloud; Mrs. Mygatt Brown, of Fergus Falls, and Mrs. H. W. Brown, of Mankato. The last named is a great-granddaughter of General Nathaniel Greene, and inherits the patriotic spirit of her great ancestor.

Referring to the National Society, I think it a matter of great importance that we shall adopt an amendment to the Constitution at the present session providing for a change in the basis of representation, with a view of materially reducing the membership in the Continental Congress. As such action seems to be necessary, and there is a strong sentiment in favor of it, there should be no further delay in the premises. I am in favor of another amendment providing for electing the officers of the National Society for two years instead of one. There does not seem to me good reason for annual election of officers, or for an annual meeting of the Continental Congress. The lower branch of the Congress of the United States is elected every two years, and the

Speaker and other officers of the body elected for the same period. In a large number of the States of the Union the Legislatures hold biennial instead of annual sessions, which are quite frequent enough in the opinion of a majority of a too much-governed people. In my judgment biennial sessions of the Continental Congress will enable us to accomplish all the legislation necessary for the promotion of the objects and the protection of the interests of the Society, while the election of the National Board once in two years will be a positive relief, and result in immense advantage in the efficient prosecution of our legitimate work. I respectfully recommend the adoption of the amendments necessary to accomplish these changes.

In conclusion, I desire to say that our Society is well established in the State of Minnesota, that it occupies a position of honor and influence in the community, and that the outlook for its future growth and usefulness is promising. When the call came to me in the Autumn of 1891 to organize the Society in the State, it met with a quick response, and it served as an opportunity for the expression of my patriotic impulses and sentiments. I love my country and its government, and through the traditions of my ancestry, and my personal experiences during the late war, I have some faint realization of what it cost to establish and maintain our free institutions. During the six years of my administration of the affairs of the Society in Minnesota I have striven with a single eye to promote the objects for which we are organized, and especially to awaken and intensify in the community the patriotic sentiments of the people, and to deepen their attachment to their country. I have earnestly endeavored to conduct the work in my State on broad lines, to eliminate as far as possible the personal equation, such a common source of friction and distraction, and by dealing justly and impartially with all interests and localities; to secure the harmonious and effective coöperation of all our membership, and to make our Society one in which every woman who is by her inheritance and moral character entitled to membership feel that she was not only received because of this right, but welcomed in the true sense of that word, as an active co-worker in the cause of patriotism.

The Daughters of the American Revolution have become a positive and wholesome force throughout the land among the noble, organized activities which are devoted to the public welfare. They have already done much to perpetuate the lofty ideals and sublime aspirations of their forefathers, and to infuse into our national life a spirit of renewed fidelity and devotion to our institutions. It remains for them to be true to their high mission, and with increasing honor and power to serve their country by exerting their influence, in all womanly ways, to impress all our voters with the large and imperative obligations of citizenship, to awaken all the people to a consciousness of the fact that the public honor and safety are a sacred trust committed to their keep-

ing, and by their own personal devotion and example to help make our Nation and its government worthy of undying loyalty and devotion.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZA E. NEWPORT,  
State Regent.

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MISSISSIPPI.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:*  
In making my annual report upon the status of our Society in Mississippi, I regret very much to say that the work has made very little progress during the year. The State has suffered unusual disasters. The great floods in the Spring devastated the wealthiest and most productive section, driving the population from their homes and entailing incalculable loss to property. Many weeks of suffering and anxiety strained every nerve to bear up against the calamity. And scarcely had the dark waters receded and sunshine again quickened the hope and hands of the toiler, when another and far heavier trial befell our people. "The Angel of Death spread his wings on the blast," and their black shadows rested all over our devoted State from the seaboard to its northern boundary. Once more panic stricken, all who could do so fled from their homes to escape the dread yellow fever scourge. All business was paralyzed, and the year was near its close before the grief-stricken refugees dared to return to their desolated homes. I need not say there was little heart or means for aught beyond necessity's arbitrary demands. Hence, there have been no new Chapters organized, although there have been some individual applications for membership scattered over the State. The Natchez Chapter, under the Regency of Miss Lowell, have kept up bravely in spite of most trying difficulties, being right in the track of both flood and fever. Their membership has been increased to fourteen, and they are working earnestly to advance the aims of our Society by cultivating patriotism in the schools of their city, having presented medals to the best scholars in American history. They have also pledged themselves to contribute \$10 to the Continental Hall fund, which is most creditable to their liberality and energy under the appalling conditions with which they had to contend. With such an example before the State I felt encouraged to begin the work another year.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE URSON SIMS,  
State Regent.

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MISSOURI.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:*  
The work in Missouri has been slow in maturing, but the material that has gone to form the whole is of the kind that endures. Only during the last two years has the spirit of the Daughters of the American

Revolution entered our women's hearts. There are now ten authorized Regents in Missouri with Chapters more or less complete.

With Mrs. Mary A. Karnes as Chapter Regent, Kansas City has a large number of Daughters in its fold—105. The influence of these women is felt throughout the surrounding country. This Chapter has the honor of numbering five own Daughters, and its energies have been directed during the past year toward the furnishing of an alcove in the new public library of Kansas City with a collection of books on revolutionary and colonial history.

At the Capital of Missouri there is a Chapter composed of some of the choicest women in the land. They have set a beautiful example to us of larger cities, for their work is aggressive and of the improving kind. The practical work of the Jane Randolph Jefferson Chapter is to procure and place a bronze statue of Thomas Jefferson in the grounds of the State House. Mrs. Thomas Oliver Towles is Regent of the Chapter.

The St. Louis Chapter now numbers 180 members. Mrs. Western Bascome, its much beloved Regent, is now serving her second term. Miss Christine Tuttle is the Regent of our young ladies' Chapter in St. Louis. In our beautiful suburban town, Kirkwood, Mrs. Mary E. MacAdam is the duly appointed Regent of a Chapter in the process of formation.

Mrs. May Holliday Nave, Regent of St. Joseph, has formed a Chapter, and is already at work. Mrs. May C. T. McCluny, the Regent of Sedalia, has quickly gathered seventeen descendants of heroes within her Chapter. These, with Miss May H. Fee, Regent at Cape Girardeau, Mrs. E. G. Chapin at DeSota, and Mrs. William E. Clark at Nevada, form valuable additions to the National Society.

There is in Lafayette Park a bronze statue of George Washington, a beautiful reproduction of the Houdin statue. The Daughters of the American Revolution in St. Louis have taken this statue under their kindly care. Under their supervision it will be reset and protected for future generations. It is not an easy matter for us in the States far removed from revolutionary scenes to gather together collections of colonial relics, or to visit as Chapters spots made sacred by our forefathers' valor, but we can reawaken interest in revolutionary days.

An unusual incident has come to the St. Louis Chapter within the last month, bringing to our minds the attack made June 28, 1776, by the British fleet under Admiral Sir Peter Parker on the fort on Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, afterwards named Fort Moultrie. The fleet carried 262 guns, while the Americans had but thirty-one and very little ammunition to use in them. The attack lasted the entire day, and while the British admiral withdrew with a terrible loss, the stronghold of the Colonists was not reduced. When the signal was given to withdraw it was found that the British ship "Actaen" was fast aground, so her men set her on fire and abandoned her. The Ameri-

cans discovered this and rushed aboard. They turned the guns on a British ship and gave her a broadside, and then retreated, carrying away three boat loads of stores. The shattered hull of the "Actaeon" slipped off the bar, and her guns tumbled in a heap to the bottom of the bay. In 1887 a British vessel entering Charleston harbor ran upon an obstruction, tearing the copper from her hull. This was reported to the United States authorities, who found on investigation the forgotten guns of the "Actaeon." These guns were raised and ordered sold at auction. It so happened about this time that a member of the Missouri Commandery of the military order of the Loyal Legion, and also a great-great-nephew of the commander of the British ship "Actaeon" was visiting Charleston. He wisely suggested to his commandery in St. Louis the advisability of purchasing three of these guns. This was done, and they were presented by the commandery to Lafayette Park in St. Louis.

The Daughters of the American Revolution will be distressed to know that all of the guns, save these three, and there were forty of them, were sold as old iron and broken up as riprap. Suitable and beautiful exercises were held in Lafayette Park when the formal presentation of this relic of revolutionary times was made. Under a smiling sun, on the 30th of October, Troop K of the Third United States Cavalry made a brave front for the column that marched to the scene where these venerable guns lay. With these gaily decked soldiers were the Society of the Sons of the Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Children of the American Revolution. The chaplain of the Sons of the American Revolution, in words of burning, thrilling eloquence, set on fire all patriotic hearts. He painted the old cannon belching out volley after volley against our brave forefathers, and then made us feel even tender to the rusty old iron when he reminded us that the last sound that came from their throats was in the cause of liberty. "Surely after lying 111 years at the bottom of that restless sea all their sins are washed away."

In making this, my first, report as State Regent, my mind turns thoughtfully to the first Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the year 1891, when I stood before this organization, then an infant, and gave to it the first reports of its Recording Secretary General. I remember the hesitation with which we made ready for this first congress, and how we wondered, as we worked, whether any would come to meet on the 22d of February. We had then only three or four hundred members, most of them living in the vicinity of the District. In those days there was little money coming into the treasury, and less going out, for we did the work ourselves, writing the letters and paying the postage. My memory needs no quickening to bring before you the picture of those beautiful earlier days. Of our first President General, the beloved Caroline Scott Har-

ri son, who helped us place this organization as it is now before the world; of our first Vice-President presiding. What Daughter's pen can do justice to her patience, her generosity, her gracious and just ruling? I need not repeat the names of others who faithfully bore the burdens of the day. Many of them are with us to-day. To these in a large measure do we owe the importance of our organization, the largest and most influential patriotic organization of women in the world, a body of women that has already left its impress on the century as a seminary of patriotism.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY H. L. SHIELDS,  
State Regent.

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NEBRASKA.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* On January 1, 1896, there was but one member of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Lincoln. This was Miss Mary M. A. Stevens, then recently appointed Regent of Lincoln by Mrs. M. A. Parmer, State Regent. In Omaha, besides Mrs. Parmer, there were, I think, a few who had become members through the efforts of Mr. Lyman E. Ware of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The first meeting for the purpose of organizing a Chapter in Lincoln was held at my residence on the 24th of January, 1896. On the 2d of April I was admitted to the Daughters of the American Revolution. In May I was appointed State Regent in the place of Mrs. Parmer, who had resigned. On the 15th of May the Deborah Avery Chapter, of Lincoln, was organized with nineteen charter members. About the 1st of July the Omaha Chapter was organized with sixteen charter members. On the 1st of February, 1898, the Deborah Avery Chapter has 52 members, and the Omaha Chapter probably 36 members. Besides Omaha, with a population of over 100,000, and Lincoln, the State Capital, with about half the number, I had hoped to be able to establish Chapters in the following towns in Nebraska, ranging in population from five to fifteen thousand: Nebraska City, Plattsmouth, Fremont, Beatrice, Hastings, Grand Island, Kearney and Norfolk. In Nebraska City, the oldest town in the State of any size, I have found one person who is eligible, Mrs. M. L. Hayward. She very kindly canvassed the city for me, and reported that she was able to find no one with a proper record. In Plattsmouth I have as yet been unable to find any one, but I have been informed recently by Mrs. Stoughtonbrough, President of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs, that there are several of revolutionary descent in that city. I supposed that I should have no difficulty in finding a sufficient number for a Chapter in Fremont, but after many inquiries and much correspondence, I have met with no success. Miss Vesta Gray, however, Secretary of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs, to whom I had sent application blanks, has written recently that there is a tradition



of revolutionary ancestors in her family, and has promised to investigate further.

Beatrice has the nucleus of a fine Chapter, and I have found the proper person for Regent in Mrs. R. S. Bibb, sister of Lieut. J. C. Cresap, U. S. N., member of the Sons of the American Revolution. I think Mrs. Bibb will accept the appointment as soon as enough are sufficiently interested to look up their records.

As yet, I am able to make no report concerning Grand Island, having received no reply to numerous letters of inquiry. I have requested Mrs. John M. Ragan, of Hastings, to look up her record and to accept the appointment of Regent, being assured by Mrs. Cline, Regent of Minden, that this would be the best possible appointment for Hastings.

Of the smaller towns, mostly county seats, I have to report as follows: Mrs. J. M. Bates was appointed Regent of Long Pine in October, 1896. She reports no one eligible in any of the small towns in the northern part of the State along the F. E. & M. R. R. Mrs. Bates is at present a resident of Lincoln and a member of the Deborah Avery Chapter.

Mrs. S. C. Langworthy, Regent of Seward, has made an excellent beginning towards organizing a Chapter. Some time ago I had the pleasure of meeting the ladies of Seward at Mrs. Langworthy's home, and of addressing them on the work of the Daughters of the American Revolution. I believe that she will soon have the necessary number of members.

Mrs. J. A. Cline, Regent of Minden, reports that she has found four with perfect records, a very good showing for a village of 1,300 inhabitants near the 100th meridian. In Fairbury I would recommend that my successor appoint Mrs. C. F. Steele, who, no doubt, has obtained her record from the pension office.

By reason of general want of familiarity with the sources of information on such subjects on the part of those who are eligible, I have been looked to do the greater part of the work of searching in such sources on behalf of those who desired or were desired to become members. I have always looked for records of ancestor's service for applicants when requested, and I have been reasonably successful. Only in the case of persons of Southern ancestry have I failed. Thus far I have only found one ancestor from the South. There are many persons of Virginian descent in Nebraska who are eligible, and if I could find some one, like Mrs. J. H. Barnes, of Boston, who would look up their records for a reasonable compensation, the numbers of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the State would be increased materially.

I have obtained space with the State Historical Society for an exhibit of colonial and revolutionary relics by the Daughters of the American Revolution of Nebraska at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition to be held in Omaha, and have appointed Mrs. S. C. Langworthy,

Regent of Seward, who was one of the Board of Lady Managers of the Chicago Exposition, chairman of the section.

In regard to the statement made by the Regent of Omaha at the last Continental Congress, published in the proceedings in the *AMERICAN MONTHLY*, to the effect that I did not attend "a certain very important meeting" in Omaha because I was unable to pay the fare, which was only \$1.50, I beg to say that such statement has no basis of fact whatever. This statement, given great publicity, has caused me no little pain and embarrassment, but as it was taken up by my Chapter at the time, and, as I believe, satisfactorily explained to the General Board of Management, I will not enter into details in this report.

During the two years that I have held the office of State Regent, I have been able to do little more than to sow the seed. May my successor reap an hundred fold.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA B. POUND,  
State Regent.

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NEW JERSEY.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* The seventeen Chapters in New Jersey are composed of seven hundred and fifty patriotic energetic women. It will be impossible, in the brief space allotted, to more than outline the numerous lines of work in which they are engaged, each Chapter having a special interest in some local battlefield or headquarters, in which the State abounds.

The Continental Chapter at Plainfield have secured a tablet to be placed on Washington Rock, a spot of historic interest on the mountain back of Plainfield. It is authentic history that to this rock Washington came from his headquarters at Morristown to view the enemy in the valley below. This Chapter also contributed \$200 toward the Wallace House at Somerville, Washington's headquarters.

The General Frelinghuysen Chapter have worked assiduously for the Somerville headquarters, and have also contributed toward the Continental Hall. The Princeton Chapter have devoted themselves to the restoration, furnishing, etc., of another historic spot at Rocky Ford. The Jersey Blue Chapter, of New Brunswick, have made donations to the Wallace House in both money and furniture, and have given prizes in gold to pupils in the high school for highest average in United States history; they also procured the holding of patriotic services in the church on the Fourth of July, and have contributed to the Lafayette Memorial. This Chapter has sent a proposition to the National Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution: "That they memorialize the United States Congress to declare the one hundredth anniversary of Washington's death (December 14, 1799), a National memorial holiday, and order the American flag to be displayed at half-mast on all public buildings, &c., for three days."

The Buff and Blue Chapter have been interested in the Rocky Ford

headquarters. The General David Forman Chapter, of Trenton, have produced some fine historical and patriotic papers, showing great research and literary ability. They have contributed to the Rocky Ford headquarters and also to Continental Hall. The Haddonfield Chapter is only a year old, but shows a large increase in numbers, and has done good literary work on historic lines, and are marking some of the historic spots in which Haddonfield abounds.

The Captain Jonathan Oliphant Chapter, of Trenton, have been interested in marking the graves of revolutionary soldiers; have contributed to Rocky Ford and Somerville headquarters, also to the Washington Memorial and Mt. Vernon Association. The Morristown Chapter has always the interest of the celebrated headquarters at this historic town at heart. The General Lafayette Chapter, at Atlantic City, one of the youngest, shows remarkable increase in membership, and takes enthusiastic interest in everything connected with the National Society. They have contributed toward the statue of Washington to France, and have recently formed a Children's Society. They have an original Daughter in the Chapter. The Boudinot Chapter at Elizabeth have been active in marking the graves of revolutionary soldiers in Rahway, Hackensack, Elizabeth and Connecticut Farms, among them the grave of Mrs. Caldwell, in the First Presbyterian Churchyard in Elizabeth; also the house where she was shot. They have contributed to the Mt. Vernon Association, also to the Continental Hall. The original Daughter belonging to this Chapter died last summer at the age of 93. Many excellent historical papers have been written by the members for the meetings of the Chapter during the year. The Broad Seal Chapter, of Trenton, has contributed to Rocky Ford and Wallace House headquarters, and at present are arranging to restore the grave of Philip Freneau, the poet of the Revolution, and a warm personal friend of Washington. The Trent Chapter, of Trenton, have given prizes to pupils in the public schools for best essays on "Trenton in Revolutionary Times." One of the prizes was won by Miss Bodine, daughter of one of the members of Trent Chapter. The Chapter has furnished a room in the Rocky Ford headquarters.

The Nova Caesarea Chapter, of Newark, has contributed to the Continental Hall and also to the statue of Washington for France; have presented a flag-pole to the Foster Home and introduced an exercise for the orphans in which they memorize and repeat patriotic quotations and dates; have donated a portrait of Washington for the grammar school in Newark showing the best work in American history. They continue their interest in the original Daughter, for whom they secured a pension last year.

The Camp Middlebrook Chapter, of Bound Brook, has given prizes in the public schools for essays on historical subjects; have marked the graves of revolutionary soldiers in the old burying-ground at Bound Brook, the money having been collected among the school children

on Flag Day. They have contributed to the Wallace House headquarters; have erected a drinking fountain on the public street at a cost of \$360; have organized a Children's Society with seventeen members, called the "Nathan Hale." Last Summer the Chapter made a pilgrimage to the Taylor Iron and Steel Works at High Bridge. This foundry furnished the ammunition for the army during the Revolutionary War. The Eagle Rock Chapter, at Montclair, has contributed \$90 toward the Continental Hall; taken a \$50 share in the Wallace House, and have under consideration the purchase and preservation of the "Crane Homestead" at Montclair, which was used by Washington and Lafayette as headquarters. It is the only revolutionary and historical landmark left of old "Cranetown." This Chapter is earnestly advocating practical patriotism throughout the State in the public schools. They have accomplished a great deal in the schools in Montclair, having flags raised on all revolutionary anniversaries, placing portraits of Washington in all of the schools and giving prizes for essays on historical subjects.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. DAVID A. DEPUE,  
State Regent.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* So brief seems the interval since the account rendering of February, 1897, that one is tempted to wonder if electricity has not added to its manifold and unexpected manifestations in marvelous inventions and in almost incredible variety of propelling power, by seizing the slow wheels of Old Father Time, thereby compelling recurring anniversaries to confront one with this bewildering rapidity. Still, within the year, much has been accomplished. The New Hampshire branch of the National Society, in its own quiet way, has been faithfully and usefully busy. Its ranks have received generous accessions, and now thirteen Daughters of revolutionary soldiers are held with tender care and reverence within its membership. Never before has it been so well equipped, and never were its prospects brighter.

The Molly Stark Chapter, of Manchester, still holds precedence in numbers, and maintains its reputation for women of brilliant talent whose papers are of exceptional merit. It is honored by having five members whose fathers served with more or less distinction in the struggle for freedom. Within the year fifty-one valuable volumes of history have been donated for the high school library, accompanied by a recommendation that the study of American history be given greater prominence in the city schools. From the very first the Chapter has been fortunate in its Regents, and the thoughtful devotion of the new incumbent, Mrs. Isaac W. Smith, gives promise of continued prosperity under her care.

The Molly Reid Chapter, of Derry, reports unflagging interest and an increase of membership, which includes one Daughter of a revolutionary soldier. A most satisfactory "Colonial Reception and Loan Exhibit" aroused outside attention, and the Chapter's collection has been increased by several valuable gifts. A contribution to the Continental Hall fund has been made, but the work upon which she prides herself most is the "rescuing from fast gathering obscurity and ultimate oblivion the spot where Maj. Gen. John Stark was born." It is upon an orchard-crowned hillside in East Derry, and a substantial granite monument, suitably inscribed, has been erected. As August holds within its days the anniversaries of his birth, marriage and glorious success at Bennington, that month was chosen for the unveiling exercises, which were appropriately elaborate. Mrs. F. J. Shepard, who has held the Regency so acceptably during the three years of the Chapter's existence, is succeeded by the talented Mrs. George W. Bingham.

Mrs. G. Bartlett still guides the affairs of the Milford Chapter in Milford with the wisdom of experience. Meetings each month, with papers evincing fine literary taste and ability, followed by the social hour, visits to other Chapters, and a reception, to which the Sons of the American Revolution were invited, have made the year enjoyable and profitable. The especial outside work has been the placing of a substantial marker at the grave of each soldier of the Revolution who lies buried within the town's boundary. To this was added the sweet embellishment of flowers upon each grave on Memorial Day. These object lessons are most useful in their influence.

The Ashuelot Chapter, in the beautiful city of Keene, retains its efficient Regent, Mrs. S. G. Griffin, and at its annual meeting presented her with a silver-mounted gavel made of historic wood. Ten meetings have been held within the year, but not at stated intervals, nor with similar programs, but patriotic fervor and loyalty to the purposes of the Society abounded. The crown of the year's efforts was the placing of a tablet upon the house from which thirty men marched for Lexington in 1775. In those days it was the village tavern, and it still retains many of its ancient characteristics. Among the family portraits is one of a Tory ancestor, which, upon this occasion, was covered by an American flag, so that even his likeness might not be shocked by, nor participate in, the joyous occasion. An eloquent address was made by Gen. S. G. Griffin, which has been printed, and is in much demand.

The Margery Sullivan Chapter, of Dover, under the inspiring direction of Mrs. William D. Sawyer, continues to increase in membership and in the diffusion of purest patriotic influences. The city is rich in ancestral homes and treasures, and the loyal women brought together a rare collection of revolutionary valuables which received the admiring comments of the large company of visitors.

This awakened a genuine interest in the why and wherefore of the Society, and gives promise of the fruitage which was hoped for in the sowing. A reception and dainty refreshments added to the attractiveness of the occasion. Their monthly meetings are seasons of ever increasing enjoyment.

The bold grandeur of the mountain scenery round about North Conway seems to broaden the ideas of the inhabitants and to incite them to vigor of thought and action. How else can one account for the great convention held for nearly a week in July, under the auspices of the Anna Stickney Chapter. Every patriotic society in New England was invited to participate. The program was worthy of the occasion and admirably carried out. The credit of its conception belongs to the Chapter Regent, Mrs. L. J. Ricker, and in a great measure its success was due to her supervision and untiring efforts. Under the especial direction of Mrs. George H. Shedd a collection of ancient relics was exhibited during the week. It was of such richness and variety as to evoke the admiring surprise of all visitors, and the proceeds from this were contributed to the Continental Hall fund. This enterprising Chapter holds meetings fortnightly, and its efforts at present are turned toward procuring a pension for one of its two "real Daughters," who is blind, penniless and without relatives upon whom to depend. Under the protection of this Chapter the Waumbec Methna Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution has been formed.

In Newport the Reprisal Chapter rewards the efforts of its gifted Regent, Mrs. Arthur C. Bradley, with a healthy growth. Its accessions are those of real worth, and includes one Daughter of a revolutionary sire. Systematic study leading up from early colonial times enthuses the members, and the name of some woman who displayed heroism at the time of the struggle has been brought into prominence at each meeting. Not content with merely personal improvement and enjoyment, they have endeavored to shape the thoughts of the village children by presenting to the Richard's high school a large photogravure of Washington, while to each pupil in the grammar and intermediate schools a little booklet, "The Origin of our Flag," was given. The fallen headstone of a revolutionary soldier has been reset, and a most creditable and charming work is planned for execution when the soft winds shall have unwrapped from the earth its snowy covering.

The meetings of the Buntin Chapter, in Pembroke, are of peculiar interest and profit. Five questions pertaining to early American history are given out for study and research during the month and for discussion at their next coming together. At the close of the year a resumé of the queries and replies are considered and commented upon. A recent Loan Exhibit reflected much credit upon the Chapter. It was held at the spacious home of their popular



Regent, Mrs. J. H. Dearborn, where the decorations of the house and the quaint old costumes and powdered hair of the ladies formed an attractive picture. A reception, followed by dancing, filled the evening with enjoyment. A Chapter of Children of the American Revolution has recently been completed under the Presidency of one of the members of the Chapter.

Only a few days more than one year ago the Matthew Thornton Chapter was organized in the city of Nashua, with Mrs. George W. Perham as Regent. Her administration has been so full of winning tact and ability that the membership has more than doubled, and it now stands second in size in the State, having one honorary member whose father was in that noble stand for freedom. In its earliest days the Chapter announced its existence by an elaborate reception given by the Regent at her colonial home. Rare old books and papers, with a large variety of objects of antiquity were placed in one of the parlors, and contributed much to the pleasure of the guests. Two prizes in gold have been offered to the pupils in the high school for the two best essays upon the causes which led up to the War of the Revolution.

The Samuel Ashley Chapter, in Claremont, just rounding out its first year work, is composed of thirty-three women, eager in their efforts to search out and revive the memory of those valorous deeds which made sure and strong the foundation of our governmental superstructure. Stimulated by their Regent, Mrs. James E. Riley, whose whole soul is in the work, the Chapter gives promise of much usefulness. About half of the members are subscribers to the AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE, and a contribution has been made to the fund for the statue of Washington for France. Already the nucleus of a collection of historic articles has been formed.

Quite unique and appropriate was the tribute which Mrs. D. F. Wells paid to the memory of her grandfather, Lieut. Jacob Elliot, who was wounded at Bennington. At her request the State Regent arranged to have her acceptance to membership into the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution occur upon the anniversary of his birthday. To her judicious and earnest efforts as Regent is due the planting of the Exeter Chapter in classic old Exeter's soil upon the 13th of last April. An outing at the seaside during the summer was a pleasant break in the routine of their study, which is yielding an ever increasing interest.

The youngest Regent in the Granite State is Miss Mollie Grimes, of Hillsboro Bridge, who has worked with assiduous zeal to organize the Eunice Baldwin Chapter, which was accomplished the 22d of last month. Among the fifteen charter members is included Mrs. Eliza Hamilton Haslet, whose father was in the Revolution. A generous percentage of young ladies are entering this new field with a glowing enthusiasm which gives assurance of valuable results.

In several other localities Chapters are in process of formation with encouraging success.

This cursory glance over the general doings of the various branches in this State gives but a suggestive glimpse of the amount of thought and work involved, or of its twofold effect. I say twofold, for it is not only the multiform visible fruitage which follows from the reverent uplifting and honoring of brave deeds and pure thoughts, but also the ennoblement of one's whole nature, which inevitably follows conscientious work in these directions.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOSIAH CARPENTER,  
State Regent.

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NEW YORK.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* During the past year eleven (11) Chapters have been added to those previously recorded. They are the Oneonta and Olean Chapters, the Willards Mountain, at Greenwich; Catharine Schuyler, at Belmont; Deo-on-ga-wa, at Batavia; Monroe, at Brockport; Kanistes Valley, at Hornellsville; Mary Weed Marvin, at Walton; Bronx, at Mount Vernon; Patterson, at Westfield, and the Gansevoort, at Albany. The last named has come to us from the Daughters of the Revolution.

The following Regents have been appointed to form Chapters: Mrs. Samuel Sloan, New York City; Mrs. William Robinson, South Oyster Bay; Mrs. Wilmot Townsend Cox, Mill Neck, Long Island; Mrs. Adelaide L. Harrington, Lyons; Mrs. Peter Wolff, Gouverneur; Mrs. J. L. Hunt, Adams; Mrs. Walter B. Sheppard, Penn Yan; Mrs. Alonzo C. Jackson, Schenectady.

Mrs. Col. Lyster has been obliged to resign her commission as Regent in consequence of the death of her husband and her removal from Sackett's Harbor.

Our beloved Regent, who was the daughter of an officer of the Continental Army, and widow of Hon. Oline A. Morse, of Cherry Valley, has, in the fullness of years and of ripened experience, "entered into rest." Her life was a benediction to all who knew her.

The whole number of Chapters is forty-nine. In addition to this there are fourteen Regents commissioned to form Chapters.

In several places Chapters are practically complete, although not yet fully organized.

The State Regent has officially visited during the year, in the interest of the work of the Society, New York, Staten Island, Sing Sing, Newburg, Kingston, Hudson, Cohoes, Albany, Schenectady, Saratoga, Herkimer, Binghamton, Belmont, Castile, Rochester, Mount Morris, Albion, Batavia, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Fredonia, Jamestown, Auburn and Tarrytown.

She has also represented the State at the great Daughters of the American Revolution gathering at Nashville, Tennessee; at five meet-

ings of the National Board of Management, and at the Continental Congress.

Preliminary steps have been taken for the formation of Chapters at Nyack, New Rochelle, Middletown, New Paltz, Hamilton, Amsterdam, Baldwinsville, Leroy, East Springfield, Genesee, Potsdam, Ilion, Flushing and Lawrence, Long Island.

Each year makes it more impossible to do justice to the varied work of our increasing number of Chapters. It continues to be educational to a large extent. Efforts in this direction range from the supervision of a country school to the providing opportunities for the rarest culture in the line of American history. Prizes so generally offered to schools as an incentive to historical study and the development of patriotism as a principle; the formation and growth of children's societies, and the able papers prepared in many Chapters all tend in this direction. The Hendrick Hudson Chapter, as a result of its fine Loan Exhibit, which was in itself a study, has founded a free library. "Wiltwyck" is preparing to do so. Other Chapters have enriched local libraries by gifts of valuable works on American history. This is the special duty to which the Vassar College Chapter devotes itself. In this connection should be mentioned the calendar prepared by Miss Hopkins, of Geneva, which should be in general use among all who wish from time to time commemorate the great past of our Nation.

Graves of patriots who took part in the American Revolution have been found in large numbers all through the State. Historic Fishkill has, through the efforts of the Milzingah Chapter, erected a fine monument to perpetuate the memory of those buried there in the old churchyard.

Other Chapters are taking up this matter. Miss Wright, a member of the Ondawa Chapter, of Cambridge, has prepared for the consideration of our Society a beautiful design for a Daughters of the American Revolution marker, in the hope that it may aid in rescuing from oblivion the names and services of many heroes.

Several historic sites have been marked by tablets placed, with fitting ceremonies, where they can be a daily reminder of noble deeds.

The Mawanawesigh Chapter has, through the coöperation of friends, bought the house once the residence of Governor Clinton, and deserve warm congratulations on having preserved this historic building.

Many Chapters that had not previously contributed to the Continental Hall fund, have recently done so, in response to the request of the State Regent. Others have promised contributions early in the next year.

Cayuga Chapter, of Ithaca, includes in its report the following statement:

"Copies of the Declaration of Independence have been framed and presented to the Young Men's Christian Association, the Catholic

Parochial school, high school and all the public schools in the city, and one was also placed in the post office."

The distinctive work of the Buffalo Chapter has been the preparation of patriotic lectures, which have been translated into Polish and Italian and used with great success among the vast numbers of foreigners living in Buffalo. The Polish priest is most cordial in helping forward this movement, and considers it extremely valuable for his people.

Many public celebrations have been held on anniversaries of noted events, and do more perhaps than anything else to arouse general interest in our work. For these impress a whole community, and win it to higher thought, a wider outlook upon life, a sense that patriotism is a sacred duty owed to the future of the Nation. In many places the Sons of the American Revolution and members of the other great patriotic societies combine with the Daughters on such occasions. So the Sons of the American Revolution united with the Chemung Chapter in holding a religious service in the Auditorium at Elmira on Sunday, August 29th, the date of Sullivan's victory.

At Rochester these two Societies united in the gift to the University of a fine flag and flag-pole. The Children of the American Revolution assisted by holding the flag when the presentation was made on June 14th. The presence of the venerable Mrs. Pitkin, a "real Daughter," and our honorary State Regent, added to the interest both at that time and at the State Conference held the following day. This conference brought together many Chapters and large number of Regents forming Chapters. All felt the interchange of thought, the frank discussion of matters of mutual interest, to be most helpful.

The second State Conference was held at Washington on the evening of Saturday, February 19th. This time and place were chosen to meet the convenience of the delegates to the Continental Congress, and enable them to consider unitedly the many matters of importance awaiting the action of the Society.

This report would be incomplete did it fail to record the genial, gracious hospitality shown when the Daughters gather together. This is the more noticeable, because while women of the highest position are joining the Society in increasing numbers, there is a general disregard of merely social lines among the Chapters of the Empire State.

Altogether the year has been one of great devotion to our work throughout the State. Too much cannot be said of the earnestness and enthusiasm characterizing it, and of the religious principle upon which it is based.

In closing this report, which must necessarily be my last, it may not be out of place to express heartfelt appreciation of innumerable acts of encouragement, courtesy and personal kindness shown to the State Regent during the past three years. They have made these years de-

lightful to record and to remember, and have caused ties to be formed that no change of official relation can ever break.

This acknowledgment is due to the Chapters of the State of New York, to the National Board of Management, and to all who made a visit to Tennessee a pleasure that will always last.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY ISABELLA FORSYTH,  
*State Regent.*

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NORTH CAROLINA.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:*  
I have the honor to submit herewith my report as Regent of the State of North Carolina for the past year. There are many persons in North Carolina eligible for membership, but very few have joined the Society.

Miss Stringfield, of Waynesville, is now trying to form a Chapter in that town. If her efforts are successful it will be the first organized Chapter in the State. Attempts have been made in Charlotte, Asheville and several other places to organize Chapters, but in every case proved unsuccessful.

The following in North Carolina should be large, and probably will be when interest is aroused.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY D. R. SPRINKLE,  
*State Regent.*

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NORTH DAKOTA.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:*  
I desire to report through you that the work in my State, North Dakota, is making, I think, creditable advancement in the extension of the organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In December, 1896, I appointed a Chapter Regent for Fargo; later on one for Mandan, and more recently one for Grand Forks, and another for Carrington. The latter was at the time of her admission a resident of Jamestown, but changed her residence for the above-named, consequently I have placed her there. Fargo, by joining with other points in the more remote parts of the State has been able this winter to secure its number and organize a Chapter. Grand Forks also will very soon organize. My efforts in this city have been very satisfactory, especially to myself, considering the long distance. For the most, my work, in consequence, has been done by letters, through their dailies, and by personal correspondence. [Please imagine our State of a little less than 50,000,000 acres]. And throughout the entire State I believe that I have the work well under way, though results are not forthcoming as will be the case, as the interest and a wider knowledge of the Society increases.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES C. HOLLEY,  
*State Regent.*

## OHIO.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:*  
It gives me pleasure to be able to submit the most gratifying report of the Ohio Chapters for the year past, and in submitting this record I do so with deep gratitude for the cordial support and sympathy afforded me in my position as Regent towards the success and aggrandizement of the organization. I would also express a deep appreciation of the confidence evidenced by my re-election to the office upon the occasion of our recent Congress in Washington.

First and foremost I have the honor of announcing, in addition to the twenty-four Chapters already in active operation in the State, no less than twenty-three new Chapters in progress of organization, making a total of forty-seven Chapters in all.

The rapid growth of our Society has been most gratifying, and its yearly increasing importance cannot fail to impress upon us the vast field and scope of the work. In this connection I would specially emphasize the universal interest and enthusiasm shown throughout by its members and the ready support in upholding my hands in the discharge of the trust imposed among the women of the State of Ohio.

One object very dear to my heart has been the establishment of a Continental Hall as a permanent home for the organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution, so planned as to allow of an appropriate room or gallery, for the preservation of revolutionary and colonial relics. Very many historical paintings and other articles of value have already been collected through the zeal and patriotism of the members, including a large number of contributions from outside. In this connection I would modestly remind you that through a letter of mine as State Regent calling attention to the Continental Hall project and asking for contributions to this end, Ohio to-day contributes a handsome donation to the fund. The contributions of the Chapters varying from \$15 to \$100, amounting in all to upwards of \$1,000, now in the hands of the Treasurer.

While the work already accomplished is most gratifying, let us not rest upon our laurels, or "sit in the shade of the trees" until we have yet more determinedly forged ahead towards the bringing about of that universal spirit of patriotism that has been the happy fortune of the Daughters of the American Revolution, acting in conjunction with the Sons of the American Revolution, to arouse among the youth of the country, encouraging that respect for historical associations so sadly neglected by young America during the past decade of national prosperity, so that in the words of our ex-Vice-President General, Mrs. Adlai Stevenson, the organization will be the "national bulwark" in deed and truth.

In conclusion I would say that owing to press of immediate work in many of our Chapters, comparatively few have as yet had time to prepare reports of the year closed, but those on hand will give a just



estimate of the noble achievements already accomplished and being accomplished by patriotic women throughout the State.

The Cincinnati Chapter, Miss Anna Laws, Regent. This Chapter has contributed during the year a number of most interesting papers, historical, and bearing upon current topics. Gave a brilliant reception and an Art Loan Exhibition of colonial and revolutionary relics, in conjunction with a vast amount of practical work tending to the advancement of the cause.

Cuyahoga Portage Chapter, of Akron, Mrs. Miner Allen, Regent, has made an exhaustive study of the American Colonies, and on January 11th last gave a delightful entertainment in honor of the members of the Western Reserve, at Barbetine Inn, including a luncheon, followed by some brilliant after-dinner speeches.

The Catherine Green Chapter, of Xenia, Mrs. John Beveridge, Regent, acting in conjunction with Mrs. Henry Eavey, held in October, 1897, a Loan Exhibition in commemoration of the Centennial Anniversary of the first settlement of Green County.

Upon this occasion the ladies of the county were invited to coöperate with members of the Chapter, with the result of a most interesting and valuable collection of revolutionary relics, including portraits, miniatures, china and quaint articles of furniture, muskets, swords and other war-like weapons.

Western Reserve Chapter, of Cleveland, Mrs. Barriss, Regent, has nearly doubled its membership within the past year, and to-day numbers upwards of two hundred members upon its rolls, many of whom are the descendants of the first settlers and the original builders of its foundation and prosperity.

Upon the occasion of the National Convention of the Sons of the American Revolution in Cleveland, this Chapter gave an elegant reception at the Colonial Club in their honor.

Under the Chapter's auspices a course of lectures upon "Parliamentary Law" were given by Mrs. Chas. Fox, of Detroit, to a class of over sixty. These lectures proved not only instructive and interesting to an exceptional degree, but netted a handsome sum of money. Prizes were offered the pupils of the public schools for the best essay on "Revolutionary Heroes," covering a wide field of research. This Chapter also showed its love for the founder, Mrs. E. M. Avery, by the presentation of her ancestral bars, in addition to making her a life member of the National Society.

Urbana Chapter, Prof. Worcester, Regent. This Chapter has taken for its distinctive work the fitting up and furnishing of a Daughters of the American Revolution alcove in the Public Library building, to serve as a depository of interesting Chapter properties, as well as an educational department, whose value cannot be too highly estimated.

Mahoning Chapter, of Youngstown, Mrs. E. Botsford, Regent. This Chapter has shown commendable zeal. Among the numerous

entertainments for the encouraging of sociability during the year closed an important feature was a Colonial Tea, held at the residence of Mrs. Hitchcock. The rooms were artistically decorated with flags and spinning wheels. Many relics displayed added greatly to the effect of the decorations. Members of the Chapter in attendance wore the costumes of the early colonial period. The amount secured by the "Tea" was for the McMillan Library fund.

Ursula Chapter, of Toledo, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Regent. This Chapter gave an elegant dancing reception at the Collingswood last winter. The table was decorated in red, white and blue. Members and guests alike being in colonial costume, lent brilliancy to the occasion. Clever toasts were drank. Mrs. Smith gave the first, "To Our Guests." Other members responded to "Home and Country," "Ursula Woolcott," "The Spinning Wheel," "Love and Glory," "The Days of the Minuet," "The Aims of the Daughters of the American Revolution," etc. After the banquet gentlemen were invited and the minuet danced in costume. This feature of the evening was specially attractive.

Piqua Chapter, Mrs. Jas. Hicks, Regent. The members of the Chapter celebrated Flag Day most delightfully at the residence of the Regent. The State Regent was present and read an interesting article on the founders of the organization known as the "National Society." The reading was followed by music and other papers on some of the prominent women of Piqua. Last January the Chapter gave a Colonial Tea, at which living pictures, personated by members, proved an interesting feature of the occasion. This Chapter had also issued a very valuable book entitled "Early History of Piqua and Some of Its Pioneer Women."

It is with much regret that I close the Chapter reports of the year, and in so doing I would add that from personal information obtained I have no hesitation in saying that the condition throughout the State is most flourishing, each and all having practically proved their unabated interest in the work of the Daughters of the American Revolution, having contributed both practically and financially to the welfare of the Society.

No less that 138 members-at-large in the State have added their quota to the general good, and these scattered members cannot be too highly extolled in their efforts. All have taken up some special work in connection with the Society, and the present firm footing of our organization reflects much credit upon the methods used.

In addition to the Chapters already heard from, I would also make special mention of the following list whose zeal and patriotism cannot be too highly eulogized in the estimate of the work accomplished during the past year:

Chapters Organized.—"Cuyahoga Portage," Akron, Mrs. Mina Allen, Regent; "Cincinnati," Cincinnati, Miss Anna Laws, Regent; "Catherine Green," Xenia, Mrs. John Beveridge, Regent; "Dolly Todd

Madison," Tiffin, Mrs. Parker Willard, Regent; "Fort Findlay," Findlay, Mary Hyatt, Regent; "George Clinton," Wilmington, Mrs. C. C. Nichols, Regent; "Hetuck," Newark, Mrs. L. B. Wing, Regent; "John Reily," Hamilton, Mrs. Willis Hall, Regent; "Jonathan Dayton," Dayton, Mrs. E. R. Stillwell, Regent; "Mahoning," Youngstown, Mrs. E. Botsford, Regent; "Muskingham," Zanesville, Mrs. Edmund Brush, Regent; "Martha Pitkins," Sandusky, Mrs. J. O. Moss, Regent; "Nathaniel Massie," Chillicothe, Miss McClintock, Regent; "Mary Washington," Mansfield, Mrs. M. D. Harter, Regent; "Elizabeth Zane," Zanesville, Miss Katie Pinkerton, Regent; "Springfield," Springfield, Mrs. Chas. Thomas, Regent; "Piqua," Piqua, Mrs. Rexford Slauson, Regent; "Urbana," Urbana, Prof. S. Worcester, Regent; "Ursula Wolcott," Toledo, Mrs. W. H. H. Smith, Regent; "Walter Dean," Conneaut, Mrs. R. Hickok, Regent; "Western Reserve," Cleveland, Mrs. W. H. Barriss, Regent; "Waw-wil-a-woy," Hillsboro, Mrs. Richards, Regent; "Wyoming," Wyoming, Mrs. George Kinsey, Regent; "New Connecticut," Painsville, Mrs. Mary Stockerell, Regent; total, 24.

Chapters in progress of organization in Athens, Columbus, Cadiz, Cedarville, Canton, Brilant, Delaware, Eaton, Franklin, Greenville, Ironton, Marietta, Madison, Medina, Middletown, Napoleon, Oxford, Pomeroy, Portsmouth, Sidney, Troy, Washington Court House, Jefferson; total, 23.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ESTES G. RATHBONE,  
State Regent.

#### PENNSYLVANIA.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:*  
From the Daughters of the American Revolution in Pennsylvania I bring reports of unflagging interest, of increasing membership, and of unabated zeal in patriotic work. There are thirty-two (32) organized Chapters in the State, with one thousand five hundred and seventy-nine (1,579) members; five Regents appointed to organize Chapters; fifteen members not yet enrolled in Chapter; fifty-three (53) application papers accepted by local Registrars and waiting approval of the National Board. In all one thousand six hundred and fifty-two (1,652). Also a number of "members-at-large" throughout the State. Fourteen (14) members (in several instances charter members of Chapters), have died during the year; one, the representative of Susquehanna Chapter, was with us the last Congress; one member was dropped from the Chapter rolls on account of non-payment of dues. One Regent appointed has recently resigned because of ill-health and lack of necessary strength for the work, and several members have withdrawn from Pennsylvania Chapters to unite in other States. Four Chapters have been organized during the year. Presque Isle Chapter, of Erie, started at once into vigorous life, and its work suggested and approved will be "furnishing an alcove in the Public Library of Erie with Historical

Books." In each of these volumes there will be the State book plate of Pennsylvania Daughters of the American Revolution, Presque Isle Chapter. The charter of this Chapter substantially framed in wood from the old flag-ship "Lawrence," which after Perry's victory found a grave under the waters of Presque Isle Bay, was formally presented to the Chapter by the Regent on "the celebration of the anniversary of George and Martha Washington's wedding day." The outlook for this Chapter is bright with hope and promise.

Conrad Weiser Chapter was organized on the 18th of November at Selin's Grove, Snyder County. Among its charter members is a real Daughter, a circumstance in which much pride is felt. The line of work proposed by the members is literary, a thorough study of the history of our country and the lives of authors and their works.

Quaker City Chapter with its charter roll of seventy-two (72) members, and already numbering four-score, was organized in December, and is preparing for a very successful career.

Witness Tree Chapter was organized a month ago by fourteen members who, residing in Columbus and vicinity, desiring to hold meetings near their homes, withdrew from Donegal Chapter and applied for permission from the National Board of Management to form a Chapter, which was duly organized.

In the older Chapters work has, in many instances, been continued on established lines. Prizes awarded for best essays on historical subjects by pupils in public or high schools has become an annual custom in the Berks County, Sunbury, Harrisburg, Yorktown and Pittsburg Chapters. Other Chapters, notably Col. William Montgomery, Bellefonte, and Dial Rock, have taken great interest locating old forts, marking their sites and seeking, if possible, to become owners of them. Sunbury Chapter, knowing the great importance of Fort Augusta, would greatly enjoy becoming its guardian, but feel that in order to effect its purchase outside aid will be required, and a contemplating of ways and means is going on.

Dial Rock Chapter has in anticipation a very interesting and useful project, namely, preparing an index to the histories of the Wyoming Valley. There are nearly one hundred of these and much interesting and most careful study will be required in accomplishing this work. George Taylor Chapter, Northampton County, is still working for the possession of the Taylor House, and hope soon to move into it. A course of lectures has been given during the winter on revolutionary history which has been much enjoyed by members of the Chapter and their friends. Chester County Chapter, which has in its membership a real Daughter, recognized her ninety-fifth birthday by sending to her a very beautiful floral offering. This Chapter donated twenty-six dollars to the Ephrata Monument fund and recommended similar action to other Chapters throughout the State. Delightful social occasions, a charming feature of this Chapter's yearly life, marking his-

toric anniversaries, were enjoyed, and the regular meetings are always times of much interest.

George Clymer Chapter has offered a prize of Fisher's History of the Revolution (\$8.00) to the scholar in the high school who passes the best examination in United States history. Most attractive programs come from the meetings of this Chapter; reading them makes one feel it would be a delight to be there. Pittsburg Chapter, the largest in the State, besides giving prizes of thirty dollars to the graduating classes in Pittsburg and Allegheny high schools, presented to the Fifth Ward School of Allegheny twenty flags. The presentation took place on "Jubilee Day," the close of the school for the summer. When in September the school resumed its sessions, two more rooms having been opened, a request for two more flags was made and at once complied with. I wish I could take time to tell of the most interesting scene when the presentation of flags took place. The case of the Block House property and payment of the janitor is regular work for this Chapter, whose glory is to have on its roll nearly three hundred and fifty (350) members of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Allegheny County, to whom this most valuable property belongs.

Philadelphia Chapter has a committee for research work appointed this year. Their duty is the collecting of old portraits (if possible, originals) of prominent men of revolutionary times. These portraits are to hang in the banqueting room of the "Old Hall," where the city's valuable collection is now. This Chapter has had presented to it the original portrait of Edmund Pendleton, and also the chair of Mr. Joy which he used when sitting in Congress Hall during the first Congress. Most charming accounts of delightful excursions to historic places come from several Chapters. Delaware County Chapter and Valley Forge Chapter to Valley Forge, than which no more interesting spot can be found in our land. Marion Chapter to historic buildings and places, of which its locality is full. Wyoming Valley Chapter with its always thrilling 3d of July anniversary.

From other Chapters come reports of the exceeding interest taken in Chapter meetings where special attention is given to study of early local history, and a pleasant feature of the meetings is the "Social Tea," with which the hours are concluded. Donegal Chapter has taken up the lives of the "Signers." Shikellimo Chapter has taken up the early history of Pennsylvania, and Colonel Hugh White Chapter the histories of the Colonies. Phoebe Bayard Chapter has much enjoyed its social meetings, historical readings, the making of an old-fashioned quilt, on which chances will be sold in the interest of the Society, and the writing of a novel, the chapters of which are contributed anonymously by the different members, and which make interesting and useful entertainment. From Liberty Bell, Lebanon, Venango, Susquehanna, Cumberland, Colonel Crawford, Lycoming and Washington County Chapters come reports of delightful social gatherings, most attractive

and profitable meetings and always increasing interest. Most of the Chapters have contributed to outside work, the objects being Mt. Vernon fund, aid to Cuban sufferers, Continental Hall fund, etc.

It is not possible to give in one report a just idea of the full amount of work done in our State. If I could give the reports of Chapter Regents with all the detail as they come to me, my statement would show more plainly how much has been accomplished and how much is looked forward to being done. I have briefly noted each Chapter, and, in retiring from the State Regency (as after seven years of active work, I feel I have a right to do), I thank the Regents who by their aid in Chapter work have brought our State to the position in the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, which it holds among the States. Most of the Regents whom I, in the early years of the organization, had the pleasure of appointing, and who were co-workers with me when we walked by faith, have retired from active work; but others have entered into their labors and the good work goes on. And so may it go on until every county in our grand old Keystone State has felt the thrill of interest and enthusiasm which arouses to life and energy the descendants of those men and women, ancestors of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who gained for us this great possession. And so commending my successor to the loving regard with which you have ever encompassed me, I hand in my last report as Regent of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIA K. HOGG,  
*State Regent.*

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RHODE ISLAND.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* The eight Chapters of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, located in Rhode Island, are composed of earnest, active women, alive to the interests of the Society. In each of the larger cities and towns of the State a Chapter is located; there remains only the outlying districts. The numbers are increasing rapidly, keeping pace with the growth of the National Society.

The entertainments offered by our Chapters are given some historical significance. It is getting to be well known that we aim to educate our youth in the history of their country and to encourage a spirit of original historical research.

The Bristol Chapter, the oldest in New England, held its usual gathering on the anniversary of the battle of Rhode Island, inviting the officers of each Chapter in the State to participate. The number of intensely interested listeners, of the age of three-score and more, in the audience was an extremely pleasant sight.

The Chapter for two or three years have been working with the Sons of the American Revolution in the State endeavoring to mark the graves of revolutionary soldiers in Bristol. Thus far thirty-five have



been located. The collection of relics has greatly increased, and one hundred copies of the Declaration of Independence, printed in red and blue on white card-board, have been placed in different post-offices and schools.

A Daughter of the Revolution, whose father served in the war for independence, was admitted into the Gaspee Chapter at their meeting held in December.

The Chapter have added materially to their Gaspee Chapter prize fund by an exhibition of original drawings prepared to illustrate "The Story of the Revolution," by Henry Cabot Lodge. The income of this fund, forty dollars, is presented each year to the student in the graduating class of the Women's College connected with Brown University, who shall present the best essay on "American History."

The Pawtucket Chapter is always working for some good, patriotic cause. It has contributed to the marking of patriots' graves, with six of the other Chapters of the State; has given one hundred dollars to the Continental Hall fund, twenty-five dollars to the Mt. Vernon Association, and has presented six small liberty bells to the public schools of the city.

The Woonsocket Chapter on June 19th invited many representatives from the Sons of the American Revolution and from each Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, in the State, to assist them in the exercises of the placing a memorial tablet marking the spot on Beacon Pole Hill, where a beacon was maintained during the Revolutionary War period. The Chapter has rescued and restored to its original place an old mile stone dated 1761, marking the old post road to Boston, the stone being unearthed when an electric road was being established.

An historical lecture by Colonel W. W. Ellsworth, "From Lexington to Yorktown," given before this Chapter and some four hundred others, is noteworthy, because an effort made to induce the attendance of the pupils of the public schools was successful, for they comprised nearly one-half the large audience, and were quiet and attentive listeners.

The younger Chapters of the State have also been busy in good work for the cause. All of the four have contributed to the marking of patriots' graves. Rhode Island should be placed on record for honoring the graves of its revolutionary patriots.

The Nathaniel Greene Chapter has given to the Mt. Vernon Association. The Narragansett Chapter on "Little Rest Hill" are always active. One of their worthy deeds was the erection of a unique monument of rubble stone to the memory of Major Ebenezer Adams, a veteran of the Revolution.

The Phoebe Greene Ward Chapter, like all the other Chapters, has made contributions of money to various causes, notably to Rhode Island Women's College.

The William Ellery, a Chapter one year old, has given a fine en-

graving of the head of Washington to the Coddington school; has contributed to the silver service for the gun-boat Newport and to the Cuban Relief fund.

Good traveling facilities in our small State make the attendance at the delightful entertainments of our Chapters easy, so that there is an intimacy in our social relations which has a tendency to develop and promote a spirit of harmony and good fellowship. The last notable gathering of our Chapters was at our Fourth Annual Conference on the 11th of February. As we listened to the reports of our different Chapters we could not help feeling that it was a great privilege to be "A Daughter of the American Revolution."

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN A. BALLOU,  
State Regent.

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SOUTH CAROLINA

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:*  
I deeply regret my inability to present in person this my fifth and last annual report to your honorable body in Congress assembled.

Though, in South Carolina, the patriotic fire has not burned with the same ardor that has animated many of her sister States, it gives me satisfaction to report that she has made commendable progress during my term of office.

When I was honored by the appointment of State Regent, four years ago, there were only a few Daughters of the American Revolution scattered throughout South Carolina. To-day, with a feeling of just pride, I present to you seven well organized Chapters which are established on a firm basis, with growing interest in the objects and aims of our great Society. I may safely say that the corner-stone is well laid, over which, I hope and believe, in time, a noble structure will arise to commemorate the brave deeds and heroic efforts of our forefathers in establishing for us the proud heritage of freedom in a truly great and glorious country.

During the year past there has been a steady growth of membership and the addition of two new Chapters to our organization, the King's Mountain and the Rock Hill Chapters, with Miss L. Witherspoon and Mrs. H. B. Buist as respective Regents, under whose management these infant Chapters bid fair to emulate the oldest in our State in rendering good service to our National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The next youngest, the Nathaniel Greene Chapter, of Greenville, shows decided progress of life and energy in doing her share of duty.

From the first day of their organization the Columbia, the Cowpens, and the Rebecca Motte Chapters have taken a front rank in patriotic work to advance the purposes and conception for which we are banded together. This work includes the celebration of patriotic anniversaries, the careful preparation of historical papers, the offering of

prizes for papers relating to the Revolution, the collection of and preservation of revolutionary relics, and, within the past year, the more ambitious projects of erecting monuments to some of our noted heroes and heroines of the Revolution have been entertained.

In November, at the call of the Columbia Chapter, the pioneer of our State, a convention assembled at Columbia with representatives from all of the Chapters of the State, to discuss these subjects and other matters of importance to our well-being and growth in the future. It was agreed to have yearly meetings for this purpose and the promoting of the general interests of our Society.

The Cowpens Chapter, of Spartanburg, claims the honor of having gained a true Daughter of the Revolution in Mrs. Frances Cleveland, to whom was presented the gold souvenir spoon from the National Society, with becoming ceremonies, at a beautiful reception in her honor.

Whatever success I have attained during my term of office is owing, in a large measure, to the very efficient aid I have received from the officers of the various Chapters throughout our State, who have upheld me in my work during the past four years. We have watered and planted the good seed, which I trust will continue to grow and fructify into a rich harvest worthy of South Carolina's high record in revolutionary annals.

In retiring from my office I wish to thank these Daughters of my State for their devotion to the cause and the intelligent manner in which they have sustained me in my State work.

Also I beg leave to offer my hearty acknowledgment of the uniform courtesy and consideration extended me, in the discharge of my official services, by the President and the National Board of Management, which has rendered the incumbency of my high office a pleasure as well as an honor, and causes me sincere regret at laying down my duties as State Regent of South Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. BACON,  
*State Regent.*

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SOUTH DAKOTA.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* My appointment as State Regent was made less than one year ago, during an absence of six months from home. This absence very naturally delayed the work of organization, a work always of slow growth in a pioneer State, where libraries are few, where relics, records and ancestral attributes are all left at "home." Where grandmothers are not even known! I found no Chapter in the entire State, and the very embers of interest cold, but while as yet nothing brilliant is accomplished, encouragement is most gratifying, and before Spring I shall send in names for approval. The Western women, excelling in energy, cleverness, ambition, need only time and determined effort to

come to the vanguard of this noble organization. I beg the indulgence and patience of the President and other officials and faith in the future results of this new State. Among my prospective members is a descendant of Priscilla; another of the de Bingham of the thirteenth century; another the Moultons; another a daughter of Mrs. Brown, who has been honored with souvenirs from Washington for her peculiar position as a real Daughter, her father having been a revolutionary soldier. This is a priceless beginning, and I shall spare no effort in stirring the spirit of patriotism and in teaching the object of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Even a personality may often be effective. As when the question is propounded, "What good does this?" The answer, though personal, is an intelligent object lesson, "Why, dear Madam, my own ancestor, General William Davidson, was almost forgotten, when through this wave of patriotism last year Congress donated funds for a statue to be erected to his memory." This making a direct personal appeal to pride of family is like all personalities more effective than mere abstract questions.

The stringency of the times, the great delay in tracing records, may not be quite appreciated in older, more favored communities; but we are determined to succeed. My honored predecessor, Mrs. Burleigh, was quite hopeless; but with every obstacle there comes to me a stronger spirit of success, as if indeed the souls of the patriotic Davidsons and Rutherfords were working with me. Thus, in view of the short time of my Regency, there is no cause for despondency. And while the desire for all the fervor and interest of East and South is strong; while I long to see more of this fervor in the West, I can still sow the seed; can still stir the embers; can still take heart as I point to the long past and to its heroes. It is a beautiful work! If sleepless energy, great love for and ambition in the cause, all calling me to success, will avail, then indeed will South Dakota respond brilliantly during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ANDREW J. KELLAR,  
*State Regent.*

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TENNESSEE.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* Perhaps the best and most effective work accomplished by the Daughters of the American Revolution of Tennessee in the past year was their concentrated effort in behalf of the Centennial. The Daughters of the American Revolution were the first to offer their services to the Men's Centennial Board of Management, asking for the Man's Building, History Hall, and were more than gratified and repaid by seeing one of their beautiful and honored members, Mrs. Van Leer Kirkman, president of the Woman's Board and Building, and Mrs. M. C. Pilcher, chairman of the Daughters of the American Revolution exhibits in History Hall. This line of work deserves more than a passing mention, as

it was conceived to be the finest and rarest exhibit ever collected and massed together at any one display outside the Smithsonian Institute. The Daughters of the American Revolution of the North had been equally generous in sending their precious historic heirlooms as those of the South, and nothing could be in higher proof of the sincere friendship and warm hand-clasp of the women of the North and South, or more expressive of the deep interest and faithful coöperation than was evidenced by the placement and blending of these historic heart treasures in cases in History Hall, Daughters of the American Revolution Department. This exhibit won a medal. Mrs. Joseph Washington, our Vice-President General, from Tennessee, was the perfection of highest dignity and graciousness in our National work, and presided with queenly grace at our celebrations and Congress, and no one did more for the success of our National Day, October 19th. Most of the Chapters did nobly in contributing to the general fund, and by their attendance. The able addresses made by our distinguished guests from a distance along different lines of National work is already bringing success. Unfortunately very little of the National purposes had been brought into Chapter life, and for this reason the desire was so great for the infusion of National spirit into the State. Every branch of work was made so plain and necessary to the successful existence of our Society by our able speakers that a general interest was awakened. The Continental Hall has become a necessity; Washington's instructions for the National University must be carried out; relics shall be gathered in and placed in a home for safe keeping; rare old historic books should be collected and placed in our National Library, and the report for another year will chronicle great work in these various lines. The Centennial gift of over three hundred dollars for the Continental Hall fund and the beautiful medallion bust of Andrew Jackson, sculptured and presented by Miss Ellenor Wheatley, of Memphis, for the same building, is a slight indication of our interest.

One of the first Chapters in the State making its report was the Chickamauga, of Chattanooga, Mrs. H. S. Chamberlain as Regent, and it comes direct as made by the Regent of this model Chapter. "I am glad to report the Chickamauga Chapter in a most satisfactory condition. Its membership is increasing and the enthusiasm and harmony of its members is a constant cause of congratulation to me. The attendance at regular monthly meetings is large and the interest marked. According to the Treasurer's report the Chapter has forty-one (41) members. Since last Congress we have sent to the National Treasury \$54, as follows: Annual dues for 38 members, \$38; 6 new members, \$6; initiation fees for 6 members, \$6; fees and dues for two applicants not yet accepted, \$4; total, \$54. Not one delinquent is to be found in our membership, our Treasurer is so superior and prompt in the reports sent to Washington that the only comment of the National Treasurer is 'absolutely correct.' We will contribute to the

Continental Building fund and books for the library as soon as the site for the building is selected. Rest assured my best effort has been for the good of the work, and my loyalty to you and my enthusiastic desire to be worthy of the trust and confidence you imposed in me when you first appointed me Regent.—AMELIA CHAMBERLAIN, Regent.

Regent Margaret Gaston Chapter, Lebanon, Tenn., Mrs. Susan B. Parver reports one death, dues all paid to National Treasury; hoped for an increased membership and awakened interest. Contributed \$25 to Continental Hall fund.

Miss Susie Gentry, Regent of Old Glory Chapter, of Franklin, celebrated the first Flag Day in the State in 1895, and the name Old Glory was suggested as a name for her Chapter by that day's celebration. This is perhaps the most interested Chapter in the State. They began by having one meeting monthly, but the growing interest has changed it to bi-monthly. At each meeting two papers are read and discussed, one on some period in history and another on a noted character of that time. Dues have all been sent to the National Treasurer.

Chapter Count Pulaski, of Pulaski, Mrs. John S. Wilkes, Regent, reports her Chapter in fine working order. National dues all paid. Our beautiful charter is a great inspiration.

No report from the Jane Knox Chapter, of Columbia.

Campbell Chapter, of Nashville, Mrs. Eugene C. Lewis as Regent, through its Treasurer, Mrs. Fanny C. Bonner, makes the following report: Members at last report, 63; received since last October, 13; transferred to Shelby Chapter, 1; transferred from Columbia, South Carolina, 1; members in good standing, 76. Campbell Chapter contributed to Continental Hall fund \$100.

Shelby Chapter, of Shelbyville, has made no report.

Cumberland Chapter, Nashville, Mrs. Nathaniel Baxter, Jr., as Regent, reports the membership greatly increased; no deaths or transfers; two happy marriages, being Miss Anna Plater to Mr. M. Clarke Williams, of New York, and Miss Bessie Lindsley to Mr. Hugh Dallas, of Nashville. This Chapter did grand work for the Centennial in History Hall, and at the National Day, October 19th, contributed \$60 to the Continental Hall fund.

Bonny Kate Chapter, Knoxville, Miss Mary Boyce Temple, Regent, with fifty members, dues all paid to National Treasurer, reports four resignations and one death. Bony Kate contributed \$25 to the Continental Hall fund.

Wautauga Chapter, Memphis, Mrs. Kellar Anderson, Regent, makes the following report through its Treasurer, Mrs. Luke E. Wright: Last report recorded 59 members, 12 new members accepted by National Board, four resigned, three transfers, membership 64.

Hermitage Chapter, Memphis, Mrs. Anna Randolph Sterling, Regent, reports 72 members, 4 resignations, 1 transfer, dues paid sufficiently to have representation of Regent and one delegate at Con-



gress; sent fine collection of exhibits to Hall of History at Centennial and donated generously to general fund for same and National Day.

All the above Chapters are chartered. Chapters are now being organized by the following commissioned Regents: Mrs. John McGuire, McMinnville; Mrs. Annie Dudley Davis, Harriman; and Mrs. Jonathan Tipton, Cleveland, with encouraging prospects.

After six and a half years of love and labor for the cause of patriotism, I turn my work into the hands of one of my most loyal and faithful co-laborers, Mrs. Margaret Campbell Pilcher, organizer and Regent of Campbell Chapter, Nashville, who will discharge with fidelity the duties of her office and reflect great honor from Tennessee to the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Respectfully submitted, MILDRED SPOTSWOOD MATHES,  
State Regent.

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TEXAS.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:*  
I have the honor to present to you a report which is very encouraging when all the circumstances are considered. When I was appointed to the State Regent's position there were three members of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Texas, one in Galveston, one in Denison, and one in El Paso, and they were separated by prairie land and mountain from five hundred to nearly a thousand miles. I have overcome these distances by the aid of the United States mail, and the stream of missives from the Regent's office has been like the flutter of white wings about a dove cote in the Spring.

There are now two organized Chapters of fifty members each, seven Regents of unorganized Chapters, while isolated members have been enrolled in various localities. Regents have recently been appointed in Waco, Paris and Stephenville, and from the patriotism and intellectual activity of these officers we hope for best results.

Last Summer I suggested that a day be set apart, during the State Fair at Dallas, for a convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution, that plans might be matured for a more systematic prosecution of patriotic work. Among other things it was proposed to gather all scattered members into one central Chapter, as coöperation is necessary to success. The day was cheerfully set apart by the officers of the Fair, and I was furnished with one thousand circulars for distribution. These were sent out to the patriotic societies throughout the State, accompanied by letters from myself addressed to the presiding officers, asking their coöperation. There was a fair prospect of success, as papers for the day's program were promised by the State President of the Sons of the American Revolution, by the State Chairman of the Colonial Dames, and others, but before the appointed day, October 30, the yellow fever had invaded parts of our Southland; an epidemic of dengue prevailed in our own State, and rigid quarantine

regulations cut off a large proportion of our population from all social and business intercourse. Under these circumstances we could no longer hope to realize the enthusiasm of a great patriotic assembly, but did the best that was possible. Very excellent papers were read, setting forth the history and purpose of the patriotic societies now claiming so large a share of public attention, and these published in the Dallas "News," have awakened interest and prompted inquiry in new directions. We hope for at least one Chapter as the direct result of the paper on "The Aims and Purposes of the D. A. R.," written for this occasion, and are also encouraged to believe that another time the convention during the State fair may realize all that was anticipated by the most sanguine from the first effort.

During my stay in Dallas, in fact on the very day set apart for our convention, the angel of death entered the home of the Regent, Mrs. John L. Henry, and summoned her venerated mother from our midst. Suddenly she who had been so interested in all our plans, was removed from us by the infinite distances of the unseen world. Mrs. Cooper was a beloved member of the Jane Douglass Chapter. She was also a lovely Christian woman, one of the pure in heart who shall see God.

This Chapter has elected delegates to the Continental Congress and I trust that no untoward event will deprive it of representation.

The George Washington Chapter, of Galveston, did not hold its first meeting until the prevailing epidemic had subsided and quarantine restrictions had been removed. At this meeting, in December, the sum of one hundred dollars was donated by the Chapter to the Mount Vernon Association, Mrs. T. S. Maxey, the Texas State Regent for the association, being present to receive the gift. This Chapter has been called upon to mourn the death of Mrs. Ballinger, the mother of their gifted Secretary, and an old resident of Texas.

In the city of Houston there have been some accessions, but not enough for the organization of a Chapter.

Austin has made some progress. The few added to the Daughters of the American Revolution membership are ladies of influence who will render efficient service. The pending organization of the "Colonial Dames of America in Texas" has occupied the attention of a number who are pledged to the organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and have only postponed the one until the other business is satisfactorily completed.

With assurance of my best endeavors for the interests of the Society in the future as in the past,

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE ANDERSON CLARK,  
State Regent.

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VERMONT.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* Vermont is slowly but surely progressing, not as much as I intended on account of my great affliction. We have organized two new Chap-

ters, one at St. Johnsbury and one at Woodstock. Have at present fifteen organized Chapters, and four hundred and two members, with eighteen blanks out to be accepted. We have also three Chapters that will have the required number at an early date. I have found three real daughters this last year—one in St. Johnsbury, Mrs. Sarah Tilden Hazen; one in Coultney, Mrs. James Mason, and one in Arlington, Mrs. Clarissa Beebe Oatman. Reports from Chapters show a healthy, vigorous growth. They are having lectures, studying history, marking graves and sites of revolutionary fame, offering rewards in schools for the best written articles on revolutionary subjects, etc. Who does not feel proud to say they came from the good old Green Mountain State, Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. BURDETT,  
State Regent.

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VIRGINIA.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* In giving this, my seventh annual, report to the Congress, Daughters of the American Revolution, I desire to extend to it greetings from my Chapters in Virginia. This year has passed very quietly and pleasantly, but I regret that I cannot report a gain in the number of Chapters, though there has been decided addition to the list of members, and some new Chapters are being organized. Regular work has been undertaken, and good progress has been made in preserving the records and monuments of the past. The most important event of the year was the meeting of the State Conference, held January 12 to 14, 1898, in Richmond. Two delegates were invited from each Chapter, and they were the guests of the Old Dominion Chapter. All twelve Chapters were represented except the Massanutton, of Harrisonburg, Virginia. The first day addresses of welcome were delivered by the State Regent and the Regent of the Old Dominion Chapter, and a graceful response on the part of the delegates was made by the Regent of the Dorothea Henry Chapter from Danville. Each Chapter made a report of its work. It was generally regretted that their members were not more enthusiastic in the study of history, and that their business meetings were not so well attended as the social functions. The conference adjourned for a luncheon, at which a number of patriotic sentiments were given and delightful responses made. In the evening the delegates listened to Miss Elizabeth Gould, of Boston, who addressed them on the National University and the history of George Washington's bequests to it. A series of views of the old homes in Virginia were also seen. The next day was taken up with the reading of very interesting papers from the different Chapters, and discussions for the good of the Society. The new amendments were also discussed at length. The conference formally resolved to support Mrs. Daniel F. Manning, of New York, as their candidate for Presi-

dent General, and also to extend a reception to Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson, the retiring President General. It was resolved that the next State Conference should take place in Norfolk, where the delegates will be the guests of the Great Bridge Chapter. In ending this, my last, report as State Regent of Virginia, I cannot forbear to express the pleasure I have had in my association with the National Board since they did me the honor to make me the State Regent of Virginia at their meeting in April, 1891. The best wish that I can make for the incoming Regent is that these same pleasant relations may continue to exist between the Board and herself. I fully appreciate the courteous and considerate manner in which they have always treated me, and it is with regret that I sever my connection with them. The increased work in Virginia demands stronger and more efficient hands for the good of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY GRAY HENRY,  
*State Regent.*

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WASHINGTON.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* I have the honor of transmitting to you my first report as State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution for the State of Washington. Bearing so illustrious a State name, we hope to show to you that our patriotism is of like quality. Our first Chapter was formed in 1893 at Tacoma, and now numbers nearly fifty members. The second Chapter was formed in Seattle in 1896, and has now over twenty members. We have also two societies of children, whose officers will report about them. The great extent of our State has been unfriendly to the cultivation of social relations between the cities and Chapters. The extent is 66,800 square miles; measured from east to west, 330 miles, with the Cascade range of mountains dividing the State into two portions unlike each other. Over this mountain range run two lines of railroad, connecting the Puget Sound country with the grain producing lands of the east. Puget Sound, with an area of two thousand square miles, has on its shores the cities of Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, Port Townsend, and several smaller cities. Eighteen hours away by rail are the cities of Walla Walla and Spokane, where a sufficient number of eligible women live who might join our Society. It is hoped and expected that they will soon take the decisive step and become part of our national organization.

We have had in the Mary Ball Chapter two real daughters. During the past month one has left us, and, at the age of ninety-five years, has joined the "innumerable throng." The Sons have been invited to our public meetings, and have contributed to our history many interesting and valuable papers. National songs are sung, patriotic speeches made, and we have separated with the consciousness that we were better citizens for what we have experienced as members of the Daughters of the

American Revolution. Our Chapters have contributed money as prizes to scholars who have written on patriotic subjects; have sent money to "Cuba libre;" have sent money also to Continental Hall; have planted rose beds in the city park and commenced a Historic Grove, each member bringing some shrub or tree from her home in the East, and at the present time they are preparing to erect a drinking fountain in the City Park. We have contributed to the Mary Washington Monument fund and to the Whitman College fund.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA A. G. GRIGGS,  
*State Regent.*

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WISCONSIN.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* The State Regent returned to Milwaukee after the Congress of 1897 full of enthusiasm and hopeful of improved results. During the year four new Chapter Regents were secured before the vacation season, and the October 19 reunion of the Milwaukee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, together with the Sons of the American Revolution, a brilliant reception, in commemoration of Cornwallis' surrender, became the occasion for the calling together of the twenty-one Chapter Regents of the State, as guests of the Daughters of the American Revolution; and while only a part accepted the invitation, there was a conference between the State and Chapter Regents who attended, and plans were laid for a conference in June, 1898, which should include all the Regents, and prove both profitable and pleasant. In November a great sorrow came to the State Regent, and the plans for extension in new places had to be abandoned; but all demands for aid or information have been met, and the entire ground of twenty-one Chapter Regents has been recently covered by correspondence, as a preparation for months of absence abroad, on the part of the State Regent, and the probable necessity of giving up the work.

Last year's report was full, including the list of officers of the six organized Chapters of Milwaukee, Janesville, Kenosha, Beloit, La Crosse, and Oshkosh, hence the names of officers will be omitted, unless there has been a change. In May, 1897, the Milwaukee Chapter elected the following officers: Regent, Mrs. G. H. Brown; Vice-Regent, Mrs. Edward Ferguson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. P. VanValkenburg; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Walter Kempster; Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Fox; Registrar, Mrs. J. V. Quarles; Historian, Miss Josephine Hustis.

Regular monthly meetings have been held (except during the vacation season), a business program alternating with a social and literary one. The papers have been on patriotic themes, but unlike the two previous seasons, the activity has been within Chapter lines, although the interest in the National Continental Hall was shown by sending two hundred dollars to the fund last March, while the Chapter honored

the State Regent by making her a life member of the National Society. The Chapter proved its loyalty to the National Daughters of the American Revolution interests by sending four delegates to the Continental Congress, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the acceptance by the Congress of the Chapter resolutions to prevent the desecration of the National flag, together with a draft of a bill; was appreciated.

There have been two large semi-social and patriotic demonstrations during the year, a lecture by Mrs. Custer having been followed by a brilliant evening reception; also the reception of October 19, previously mentioned, which included music, addresses by Rev. Rufus W. Clarke, D. D., of Detroit, and Rev. Dudley Rhodes, of Detroit, both Sons of the American Revolution. The Chapter was the guest of the John Rogers Clarke Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution in November—a colonial tea, music, patriotic papers by the Children of the American Revolution, held at the residence of Mrs. H. C. Payne. The above record has been summarized from the report of the Secretary, and may be completed by the statement that the exercises of the year, of whatever kind, have been marked by ability and appropriateness.

The Janesville Chapter presents almost an entire change of officers, viz.: Regent, Mrs. J. P. Wright; Vice-Regent, Mrs. C. S. Jackson; Secretary, Mrs. Emma P. Veeder; Treasurer, Miss S. A. Jeffries; Registrar, Mrs. W. M. Eldridge; Historian, Miss M. W. Pease. Monthly meetings during the Daughters of the American Revolution season, with papers, followed by social features, have been the order of exercise, and the Chapter has showed a marked interest during the year (as also its first year) in instituting measures to stimulate the enthusiasm of the general public in the work of the Daughters of the American Revolution, as well as a general inculcation of patriotic ideas. A special feature of the past year has been the offering of prizes—\$5—to the eighth grade public schools for the two essays on the battles of Lexington and Concord, and later, in April, the anniversary of the battle was made the occasion of the conferring of the prizes, of which event the press spoke as worthy to rank among the most important in our city's history. The exercises were held in a large church, beautifully decorated, and presided over by the Chapter Regent, Mrs. Lovejoy. These included, besides the essays, patriotic addresses, music, etc. The prizes were presented by the Honorable State Regent, Mrs. E. O. Kimberly. Great enthusiasm prevailed, and the house was literally packed, showing the appreciation of the public at large.

The State Regent has failed to receive a special report from the Kenosha Chapter, Mrs. J. H. Kimball, Regent; but there has been no special change in the official management, and the regular meetings have been of interest, and, through a study of American history, intended to inculcate patriotism.

The Beloit Chapter held its first annual meeting in October, and, be-



lieving in rotation in office, elected new officers, as follows: Regent, Miss Salmon; Vice-Regent, Mrs. Dowd; Secretary, Mrs. Brittan; Treasurer, Mrs. Forbes; Registrar, Mrs. Merrick; Historian, Miss Sherwood. The order of exercises of the Beloit Chapter is similar to those already given, as regards number of meetings, papers, social features, etc.

The La Crosse Chapter at its first annual meeting in December re-elected every officer, but the Regent, Mrs. Angus Cameron, having been absent, the Vice-Regent, Mrs. Van ———, has charge of affairs. La Crosse has quite a number of non-resident members, which prevents as large an attendance at the meetings, but the exercises are reported as of great interest, and at each monthly meeting original papers have been given on some of the leading events of the Revolutionary War which occurred during that month.

The Oshkosh Chapter, Mrs. E. P. Sawyer, Regent, was organized in February, 1897, hence this is the initial year, and, while the officers modestly refrain from claiming results, there are indications of an active and influential Chapter.

Chapters were expected in three other places, but there are not yet the requisite twelve members. There is also the nucleus of Chapters in many other places, but the making out of papers, and the difficulty of securing verified ancestral records, deters some, while the vigorous woman's club movement is a more potent one. However, the Daughters of the American Revolution plant is growing, if slowly.

A list of the Regents without Chapters must be included to do justice to all: Mrs. George C. ———, Chippewa Falls; Mrs. Bertin Ramsey, Appleton; Mrs. F. W. Woodward, Eau Claire; Mrs. C. Rusk Craig, Viroqua; Mrs. George W. Wing, Kewanee; Mrs. Virginia roulkes, Fond du Lac; Mrs. J. W. Dunham, De Pere; Mrs. R. P. Perry, Riedsburg; Mrs. D. A. Olin, Racine; Mrs. G. E. McDill, Stevens Point; and since February, 1897, Mrs. Henry J. Bamford, Plymouth; Mrs. Charles S. Marris, Berlin; Mrs. Arthur C. Flanders, Portage; Mrs. George D. Cline, Hadson. Valuable work has been done by these Regents, if as yet unable to organize Chapters; and in closing the State Regent would, again express her belief in the future of the work in Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLEN M. H. PECK,  
State Regent.

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WYOMING.

*Madam President and Members of the Seventh Continental Congress:* While the older States of the East bring their reports of new members by the score and Chapters many, I have no such glowing account of the results accomplished in Wyoming. The difficulties to be met in a Western State are first isolation. Thus we do not receive the impetus and inspiration from our surroundings which is true of the more thickly

settled States of the East. We are obliged to act independently, or from information obtained at long range. In the East the people from different towns intermingle, talk of their progress in the Daughters of the American Revolution or other organizations, and incite each other to effort. In the West the desire to espouse a new organization must be aroused by individual effort among a few; then with these to assist the work may progress more extensively as the years roll by. Secondly, in the Eastern States the proportion of the people having revolutionary ancestors is greater than in the West, where the country is settled with persons from many countries, with, of course, a fair percentage of population from the older States. Time is required to bring success to any new movement, and this is true of the Daughters of the American Revolution organization in the West. Still, some progress has been made, though the past year may be considered rather as a time of "seed sowing" than harvest. My object has been to talk and write about the organization, thereby inspiring an interest which I trust will have results in the near future. I have accomplished something, inasmuch as several ladies have expressed their willingness to become Daughters and are looking up their ancestry with that end in view. Hoping that the Daughters of the American Revolution will consider the difficulties that hinder me, also trusting that Wyoming may have more progress to report for the year 1898, which shall be doubled and trebled in succeeding years, I have the honor to submit my report as State Regent for Wyoming.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. E. WARREN,

*State Regent.*



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**HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER.**

Any woman is eligible for membership in the NATIONAL SOCIETY, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, who is of the age of eighteen years, and is descended from a patriot man or woman who aided in establishing American Independence, *provided the applicant is acceptable to the Society.* Family tradition alone in regard to the services of an ancestor, unaccompanied by proof will not be considered.

All persons duly qualified, who have been regularly admitted by the National Board of Management, shall be members of the *National Society*, but for purposes of convenience, they may be organized into local Chapters (those belonging to the National Society alone being known as members-at-large).

Application Blanks and Constitutions will be furnished on request by the State Regent of the State in which you reside, or by the "Corresponding Secretary General" at headquarters, 902 F street, Washington, D. C.

Applications should be made out in *duplicate*, one of which is kept on file at National Headquarters and one returned to file with a Chapter should one be joined.

The application must be *endorsed by at least one member of the Society*. The application, when properly filled out, should be directed to "Registrars General, D. A. R., Room 52, 902 F street, N. W., Washington, D. C."

The initiation fee is One Dollar; the annual dues are Two Dollars.

The sum (Three Dollars) should be sent by check or money order, *never by cash*, to "Treasurer General, D. A. R., Washington, D. C."

No application will be considered until this fee is paid. If not accepted this amount will be returned.

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### THE DIRECTORY FOR 1898.

The recent Continental Congress ordered a new Directory of the Daughters, to bear date June 30, 1898. As this will be prepared from the records at headquarters it is important that changes of address, marriages, deaths, etc., should be known to us. The Secretary of each and every Chapter is therefore earnestly requested to send every such change which has occurred since the issue of the last Directory, February, 1896 (two years ago), addressed to "Compiler of Directory, N. S. D. A. R., 902 F Street, Washington, D. C." The compiler hopes, for the sake of accuracy, that replies to this appeal will be returned at the earliest possible moment. Information will be gladly received from any one, whether Chapter officer or not.

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Mrs. S. V. White's motion, as amended by Mrs. Joy, of Michigan, and Mrs. Tittmann, of Washington, District of Columbia: "I move that the full minutes be printed in the Magazine, the word 'minutes' to be defined as a record of the work done, including all motions offered, whether carried or lost, but not including debate." Carried at Sixth Continental Congress.

## MINUTES OF NATIONAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

THURSDAY, February 3, 1898.

The regular monthly meeting of the National Board of Management was held on Thursday, February 3, at ten o'clock a. m., the President General, Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson, presiding.

Members present: Mrs. Brackett, Mrs. Brockett, Mrs. Alger, Mrs. Dickins, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Thurston, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Hatcher, Mrs. Stakely, Mrs. Main, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. Taplin, Miss Johnston, Mrs. Darwin, and of the State Regents, Miss Miller, of the District of Columbia, and Mrs. Rathbone, of Ohio.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chaplain General. The proceedings of the previous meeting were read by the Stenographer, and, with a few slight corrections, stood approved.

The Recording Secretary General read the minutes as prepared for publication, which were approved.

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY GENERAL for January.—Charters issued: "Green Woods," Winchester, Connecticut; "Spencer," Spencer, Indiana; "Koussinoe," Augusta, Maine; "Haddonfield," Haddonfield, New Jersey; "Putnam Hill," Greenwich, Connecticut. Total, 5. Charter applications issued, 6; charters in the hands of the engrosser, 2; letters written, 108; postals, 158; circulars of proposed amendments, 1,000. These circulars left the office promptly January 18, the earliest possible date that they could be mimeographed after the January Board meeting, and thirty-three days prior to the meeting of the Continental Congress.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

CHARLOTTE EMERSON MAIN,  
*Recording Secretary General.*

Report accepted.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY GENERAL.—Blanks issued, 5,034; Constitutions, 858; Caldwell's circulars, 438; letters received, 229; letters written, 116.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

MRS. ANDERSON D. JOHNSTON,  
*Corresponding Secretary General.*

Report accepted.

REPORTS OF THE REGISTRARS GENERAL.—Mrs. Seymour reported: Applications presented, 92; applications on hand unverified, 5; badge permits issued, 26; applications on hand verified, awaiting dues, 19.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

MARY JANE SEYMOUR,  
*Registrar General.*



Mrs. Brockett moved: "That the Registrar General in returning these papers shall tell the member that no action is ever taken under such circumstances, but that the Registrar General express sympathy, making it purely a personal letter." Carried.

Mrs. Taplin reported: Applications presented, 99; applications on hand unverified, 28; badge permits issued, 31; resignations, 10, and deaths, 21.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

LILLIE TYSON TAPLIN,  
*Registrar General.*

The Recording Secretary General was instructed to cast the ballot for these applicants.

It was moved and carried that the resignations be accepted and the announcement of the deaths be received with regret.

Upon motion, the reports of the Registrars General were accepted.

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT GENERAL IN CHARGE OF ORGANIZATION.—*Madam President:* The following Chapter Regents have been appointed by respective State Regents: Mrs. P. Underwood Woodrow, Pontiac, Illinois; Mrs. Josephine Percy Walker, Thomaston, Maine; Mrs. Helen E. Seabury Kilham, Beverly, Massachusetts; Mrs. Jennie Floyd Jones Robinson, South Oyster Bay, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

HATTIE NOURSE BROCKETT,  
*Vice-President General in Charge of Organization.*

Report accepted.

Report of the Treasurer General was given and accepted.

Contributions to Continental Hall, since March, 1897:

New York, .....	\$613 75
Kentucky, .....	115 00
Georgia, .....	25 00
Tennessee, .....	25 00
Minnesota, .....	135 00
Rhode Island, .....	200 00
Connecticut, .....	60 00
Massachusetts, .....	52 00
New Hampshire, .....	35 00
District of Columbia, .....	178 65
Ohio, .....	15 00
Pennsylvania, .....	95 00
Illinois, .....	187 00
Alabama, .....	25 00
Maryland, .....	50 00
Vermont, .....	10 00
Mrs. Hazen, .....	25 00
Mrs. Hopkins, .....	10 00
Total, .....	\$2,096 40

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN GENERAL, February 3, 1898.—*Madam President:* Since last report I have written thirty-two letters, and eight hundred catalogue cards.

The books which were in the hands of the binder last month have been returned, and can be inspected on the library shelves.

I have ordered the blank paper for filing the newspaper cuttings, and hope to have them all in order before the Congress.

The following additions to the library have been made since January 6, 1898: 1. "The Founders of the Massachusetts Bay Colony," by Sarah Saunders Smith, from Mrs. E. J. Hill. 2. "Prison Letters and Sea Journal of Caleb Foote," written during 17—17. 3. "Gravestone Records of Rowley, Massachusetts," by George B. Blodgette. (These two came from the Essex Institute, Salem, Massachusetts, by exchange.) 4. "Year Book of the City of Charleston, South Carolina, for 1897," from the Mayor of the city, at my request. 5. *Annals of Iowa*, third series, volume III. 6. *AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE*, volume X. 7. *AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE*, volume XI. 8. The Johnson Memorial, from the author, James Brown Johnson, at my request. 9. History of "Nine Little Partners, of North East Precinct and Pine Plains, New York," by Isaac Huntling, from the author, at my request. 10. New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, volume XXVIII. 11. Lineage Book of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, volume V. 12. Another copy of the interesting story "King Washington," from one of the authors, Adelaide Skeel.

*Unbound Volumes.*—By-laws and Program of the work of the Western Reserve Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, from Mrs. P. H. Sawyer. 2. Program of the work of the Lexington (Kentucky) Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, from the Chapter. 3. Program of work and list of members of the Sa-go-yewat-ha Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, from the Chapter. 4. History of the New York City Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, for 1896. 5. History of the New York City Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, for 1897, from the Historian of the Chapter, Emma G. Lathrop. 6. Bibliography of the historical literature of North Carolina, from the author, Stephen B. Weeks. 7. Aboriginal Remains in Verde Valley, Arizona. 8. Casa Grande Ruin. 9. Repair of Casa Grande Ruin. These last three are by Cosmos Mindeleff. 10. "The Battle of Lexington, as looked at in London, before Chief Justice Mansfield and a Jury, in the Trial of John Horne, Esq., for Libel on the British Government," by John Winslow. 11. "The Date of the Settlement of the Colony of New York," by George Rogers Howell. 12. "Roll of Officers and Members of the New York Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America." These three came from the New York Society just mentioned. 13. Complete Roster of Colonel David Waterbury, Jr.'s Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers, from A. H. Clark, in ex-

change. 14. Fargo Souvenir. 15. Another copy of the dedicatory ceremonies in memory of the heroic women of Bryant's Station, combined with the history of the battle of the Blue Licks, from the president of the Filson Club, Louisville, Kentucky, in exchange. 16. The Beginning of the Connecticut Towns, by Charles M. Andrews. 17. First Presbyterian Church of Hartford, Connecticut; an historical address, by Rev. J. A. Hodge. These two from C. C. Darwin.

*Periodicals*.—Knox County, Maine, Historical and Genealogical Magazine, August, 1896; William and Mary College Quarterly for January, 1898; AMERICAN MONTHLY for February, 1898.

*Book-plates*.—Seven book-plates, from Mr. H. E. Deats, of Flemington, New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

GERTRUDE B. DARWIN,  
Librarian General, D. A. R.

Report accepted.

Miss Johnston moved: "That the Corresponding Secretary General be authorized to write Mrs. Bullock, ex-Chaplain General, conveying the sympathy of the Board in her bereavement." It was so ordered.

The President General presented a photograph of the statue of Columbus at Genoa. The thanks and appreciation of the Board were expressed by Mrs. Brackett.

It was moved and carried to adjourn until two o'clock.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON, February 3, 1898.

Pursuant to call, the adjourned meeting was opened at two o'clock p. m., the President General in the Chair.

Miss Miller moved: "That Nichols' bill for work done be paid at once." Carried.

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**—*Madam President*: The regular meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Tuesday, February 1, at ten o'clock a. m., the First Vice-President General, Mrs. Rose F. Brackett, presiding.

Members present: Mrs. Dickens, Mrs. Main, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. Taplin, Mrs. Hatch.

The Recording Secretary General brought to the attention of the committee the matter of the member in Minnesota against whom certain charges had been made, and with whom the Recording Secretary General had been instructed to correspond. A copy of the letter written by the Recording Secretary General on January 12 to this was read, and the statement made that the same had been sent by registered mail, a receipt for which had been returned, proving that the letter had been duly received, but that no answer had been made by the member exonerating herself from said charges.

After some discussion of the matter the committee decided to refer this to the National Board of Management with the recommendation:

"That inasmuch as this member has been given ample opportunity to defend herself, according to Statute 183, and has made no explanation or defence of the charges above mentioned, although the receipt for registered letter proved that the same had been duly received, this member be expelled from the National Society, her name to be placed upon the list of expelled members kept in the office, according to a resolution passed at a recent meeting of the Board."

Letters addressed to the Recording Secretary General, and to the Registrar General, Mrs. Seymour, were read, containing a proposition in regard to marking the graves of revolutionary soldiers.

Instructions were given the Recording Secretary General for replying to these communications.

The Recording Secretary General presented various letters, or papers, from Miss Lawson, soliciting the acceptance of the National Society of a design for tablets to be used in the decoration of Memorial Hall.

The committee decided that the matter, as presented, would involve much time and labor in carrying out the idea embodied in Miss Lawson's design, and in consideration of the short time intervening before the next Congress and the unusual pressure of work incident upon the finishing up of the business of the year, the committee declined to take any action in the matter.

Mrs. Hatch called the attention of the committee to certain discrepancies that had been discovered, by means of the Ancestor Catalogue, in the ancestry of an applicant to membership in the National Society. The discovery was made by a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, a relative of the ancestor in question, who requested permission to write and inform the applicant that she had entered under the wrong ancestor.

The committee recommend that this member of the Sons of the American Revolution, finding the error above named, be given permission to communicate with the applicant, with a view to correcting her lineage.

The Corresponding Secretary General read a letter from the Helman-Taylor Publishing Company stating conditions upon which a certain book offered for sale at the rooms of the Daughters of the American Revolution would be made.

This was referred to the Administration Committee, who had in the first place dealt with the matter.

Several other letters were read, which will be submitted to the Board by the officer presenting the same.

At the close of the meeting the First Vice-President General said that in severing her connection with the committee she desired to ex-

press the pleasure that these meetings had always given her, having been conducted with harmony and good feeling throughout.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

ROSE F. BRACKETT,  
*Acting Chairman.*

CHARLOTTE EMERSON MAIN,  
*Recording Secretary General.*

At the close of the reading of this report it was moved to go into executive session—2.30 p. m. At 2.45 p. m. the regular order of business was resumed.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Executive Committee with its recommendations be accepted.

The President General stated that Mrs. Thurston would be temporary chairman of the Auditing Committee, but in case Mrs. Churchman comes to Washington she will resume her place as the regular chairman of the committee; and that the names of Mrs. Mathes, Mrs. Brockett, Mrs. Henry, and Mrs. Johnston be added to the Auditing Committee.

The Vice-President General in Charge of Organization presented the names of two more Chapter Regents, Mrs. Samuel Sloan, of New York City, and Mrs. Inez F. H. Clark, of Missouri. Mrs. Dickens moved: "That the Vice-President General in Charge of Organization be empowered to appoint these Regents." Carried.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Finance Committee reports that the usual bills have been approved. The committee recommends that all moneys received by the Treasurer General after February 8 be deposited by her as received.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

MARGUERITE DICKINS,  
*Chairman.*

Report accepted.

The report of the Printing Committee was given, and it was moved and carried that the acceptance of this report be deferred until tomorrow.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE.—*Madam President and Ladies:* The Administration Committee has the honor to report that it has, since its appointment in February, 1897, held regular meetings, and attended faithfully and carefully to the work of the office and the clerks employed by the Society. Their meetings have been characterized by perfect harmony and good feeling, and the members of the committee trust that their successors will find everything in good running order. We can most heartily commend to their kind offices the clerks who have so faithfully and patiently attended to the duties assigned them. The Administration Committee has nothing but words of praise for each and all of the young ladies so employed.

The committee has authorized the placing on sale of several books and other articles, offering a handsome percentage for permanent fund of Continental Hall, among them Mrs. Messenger's book of poems, "In the Heart of America," and Mrs. Dickin's "Along Shore," and they recommend the acceptance of the offer of the Helman-Taylor Publishing Company to place an Anniversary Book of the American Revolution on sale at the rooms of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

ROSE F. BRACKETT, *Chairman*,  
KATE K. HENRY,  
JESSIE DAVIS STAKELY,  
MARGUERITE DICKINS,  
VIRGINIA MILLER,  
*Secretary to Committee.*

Report accepted.

Mrs. Henry moved: "That the Recording Secretary General issue commissions to all ex-State and present State Regents, with all other National officers." Carried.

It was moved to go into executive session at 3.15 p. m.

The regular order of business was resumed at 3.25 p. m., when Mrs.

Hill moved: "The proposition of the photographer be carried out both in the spirit and the letter." Carried.

Upon motion, Mrs. Dickins was assigned by the Board to prepare a list of the "real daughters" for the annual report to the secretary of the Smithsonian Institute.

It was moved and carried that the Historian General prepare a list of the days we celebrate, to be arranged in chronological order; and that Mrs. Brackett take charge of the work of copying the Ancestor Catalogue for the same report.

Mrs. Brackett moved: "That a set of the Lineage Books be sent to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution." Carried.

A letter was read by the Recording Secretary General from Mrs. S. V. White, of Brooklyn, accepting the appointment of the President General to a position on the "Committee on Prison Ship Lists."

The Recording Secretary General moved: "To amend the motion made on December 2, by substituting '200' for '500' for the number of Statute Books to be printed." Carried.

It was also moved and carried that the Statute Book be indexed.

At 4.30 p. m. the Board resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

At 5.10 p. m. the committee rose and reported progress.

The regular order of business was resumed, and the Registrar General presented additional names for membership in the National Society.



Mrs. Johnston moved: "That the Recording Secretary General cast the ballot for these applicants." Carried.

At 5.20 p. m. it was moved and carried to adjourn until Friday morning at ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, February 4, 1898.

Pursuant to call, the adjourned meeting was opened at 10 o'clock a. m., the First Vice-President General, Mrs. Rose F. Brackett, presiding.

The Chaplain General led in prayer.

The report of the Printing Committee was again read and Mrs. Brockett moved: "To recommit the report to the committee." Carried.

The chairman of the committee arriving, made some slight changes and submitted the following:

REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE.—A meeting of the Committee on Printing of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held January 12 at 902 F Street, N. W., all members being present. The proof of the new certificate had been sent to Mrs. Thurston, and she presented it to the committee, said committee declares that as a work of art the proof is admirable. The matter will be brought before the Board meeting of January 27th, also before the Congress. The purchasing of the plate or the ordering of the certificates do not concern the Committee on Printing.

A meeting of the Committee on Printing was called January 14th at 902 F Street, N. W., at 10 a. m., a quorum being present.

Three varieties of printed postal cards were asked for, bids secured and contract made as follows: (See bids, etc., on file in office.)

Goods delivered and bill approved by the chairman.

Also, January 17th, the bill of Harrisburg Publishing Company for 2,000 "Rates of Advertising," approved by Miss Lockwood, was approved by the chairman, and mailed to the chairman of the Finance Committee.

January 31st the chairman signed an order on the Treasurer General for \$90.00 for the Curator to purchase 2,000 long and 2,000 short stamped and printed envelopes.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) MRS. JOHN M. THURSTON, *Chairman*,  
GEORGIA STOCKTON HATCHER,  
KATE KEARNEY HENRY,  
LILLIE TYSON TAPLIN,  
MRS. ANDERSON D. JOHNSTON.

Report accepted.

It was moved and carried to adjourn until the 19th of February.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

CHARLOTTE EMERSON MAIN,  
*Recording Secretary General*.

SATURDAY, *February 19, 1898.*

A special meeting of the National Board of Management was held on Saturday, February 19th, at 10 o'clock a. m., the President General, Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson, presiding.

Members present: Mrs. Brackett, Mrs. Brockett; Mrs. Avery, Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Dickins, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Thurston, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Hatcher, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Stakely, Mrs. Main, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. Taplin, Mrs. Hatch, Miss Johnston, Mrs. Darwin; and of the State Regents, Mrs. Kinney, of Connecticut; Mrs. Churchman, of Delaware; Miss Miller, of the District of Columbia; Mrs. Cooley, of Iowa; Mrs. Jackson, of Maryland; Mrs. Newport, of Minnesota; Mrs. Shields, of Missouri; Miss Forsyth, of New York; Mrs. Rathbone, of Ohio; Mrs. Hogg, of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Burdette, of Vermont; Mrs. Warren, of Wyoming.

Caldwell & Co. submitted, for the approval of the Board, a new and cheaper style of Daughters of the American Revolution Insignia. Voted upon and lost.

Miss Forsyth moved: "That a committee of seven be appointed to consider the proposed project of teaching history in the schools." Laid on the table.

Mrs. Lindsay, chairman of the Committee to Select Medals, presented the report of this committee. It was moved and carried to go into executive session at 11.15 a. m. The regular order of business was resumed at 11.30, when Mrs. Dickins moved: "That the report of the chairman of the Committee to Select Medals be accepted with thanks." Carried.

It was moved and carried that Mrs. Lindsay present these medals to the Founders.

The State Regent of Missouri moved: "That this Board of Management endorse a resolution to be offered to the Congress to the effect that Mrs. Mary Virginia Ellet Cabell be made an honorary Vice-President General." Carried.

Report of the Business Manager of the Magazine:

AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE, per Board of Management, Daughters of the American Revolution, in account with Lillian Lockwood, Business Manager.

## RECEIPTS.

December 1, 1897, to January 31, 1898.

To subscriptions as per vouchers and Cash Register, .....	\$556 50
To sale of extra copies, .....	9 67
To advertisements, .....	163 50
To cut in Magazine, .....	5 00

Amount delivered to Treasurer General, ..... \$734 67

Bills presented to Treasurer General for payment:

Printer's bill, December number, .....	\$324 67
Printer's bill, January number, .....	250 46
Maurice Joyce, cuts, October, November and December numbers, .....	61 25
Maurice Joyce, cuts, January number, .....	9 95
Editor, salary, December and January, .....	166 66
Business Manager, salary, December and January, .....	100 00
Harrisburg Publishing Co., printing 2,000 folders, .....	7 00
Office Expenditures (two months) as per Cash Book and itemized account rendered and attached, .....	17 90
Total, .....	<hr/> \$937 89

#### ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF OFFICE EXPENDITURES.

Paid by the Treasurer General, December 1, 1897, to January 31, 1898.	
To mailing extra copies, second-class matter, as per vouchers, .....	\$5 87
To postage, two months, .....	5 07
To postage for Editor, two months, .....	2 00
To freight and cartage, December numbers, .....	1 22
To freight and cartage, January numbers, .....	1 09
To expressage to Harrisburg, plates and MMS., .....	1 50
To special delivery to Harrisburg, .....	10
To messenger to advertiser, .....	20
To messenger to Mrs. Rathbone, .....	10
To one gross of pens, .....	75
Total, .....	<hr/> \$17 90

Letters written, 176; postals as receipts, etc., 479; Magazines wrapped and mailed, 853.

The mailing list now numbers 2,921, compared to 2,500 at the time of the last Congress.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

LILIAN LOCKWOOD.

Report accepted.

Mrs. Mary Sawyer Thomas moved: "That the visiting Daughters be given invitations to this reception." Lost.

Mrs. Taplin moved: "That the invitations to the Daughters in the District be recalled owing to the great crowd anticipated at the reception." Lost.

Mrs. Hill moved: "That when we adjourn this room be given to the State Regents for an informal meeting for the discussion for the good of the Society." Carried.

Mrs. Thurston moved: "That the Recording Secretary General be allowed to have the paper containing the signatures of the first eighteen members of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolu-

tion, lithographed for the Annual Report of the National Society in course of preparation for the Smithsonian Institution." Carried.

It was moved and carried to adjourn at 12.45 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

CHARLOTTE EMERSON MAIN.  
*Recording Secretary General.*

## REPORT OF TREASURER GENERAL.

FROM JANUARY 26 TO FEBRUARY 8, 1898.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand January 26th, .....	\$320 28	
Fees and dues, .....	4,918 00	
Charters and life members, .....	139 00	
Blanks, .....	30 42	
Interest, .....	75 00	
Continental Hall, .....	188 95	
Magazine, .....	108 87	
Rosettes, .....	5 70	
Directory, .....	1 50	
Lineage, .....	72 20	
Record Shields, .....	19 00	
Pins, .....	498 00	
Spoons, .....	12 17	
		<hr/> \$6,389 09

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Dues refunded, .....	\$86 00	
<i>Seventh Continental Congress.</i>		
Postage, .....	\$35 00	
Printing, .....	9 25	
Emergency Fund, .....	50 00	
		<hr/> 94 25

*Magazine.*

Office expense, December and January, .....	17 90	
Spoons, .....	35 65	

*Permanent Fund.*

Record Shields, .....	\$19 00	
Pins, .....	498 00	
Interest, .....	75 00	
Lineage, .....	72 20	
Directory, .....	1 50	
Charter and life members, .....	139 00	
Continental Hall, .....	188 95	
Rosettes, .....	5 70	
		<hr/> 999 35
Bills payable, .....	600 00	
Ribbon, .....	9 00	

*General Office Expenses.*

Office expense, .....	\$80 00	
Postage, 4,000 envelopes, .....	90 00	
Postage on Lineage, .....	15 00	
Printing, .....	19 00	
Typewriting, President General, .....	5 00	
Clerical services, .....	17 00	
Stationery, .....	12 97	
Interest on loan (\$600), .....	6 90	
		245 87

*Treasurer General.*

Paper, .....	\$1 10	
Typewriting, .....	6 00	
		7 10

*Registrars General.*

Postage, .....	\$42 00	
Binding, .....	18 00	
Engrossing, .....	35 10	
3,500 Certificates, .....	239 77	
		334 87

*Recording Secretary General.*

Paper .....	\$4 40	
Engrossing, .....	7 00	
		11 40

*Historian General.*

Postage, .....	\$15 00	
Cuts, .....	76 00	
		91 00

*State Regent's Postage.*

Indiana, .....	\$5 00	
Kansas, .....	5 00	
Massachusetts, .....	12 00	
Pennsylvania, .....	4 00	
Ohio, .....	1 00	
		27 00

*Corresponding Secretary General.*

Postage, .....	15 00	
Balance on hand, February 8th, .....	\$3,814 70	
		\$6,389 09



## ASSETS.

Current Investment, .....	\$4,465 00
Permanent Investment, .....	26,184 51
Current Fund, .....	3,814 70
Permanent Fund, .....	3,626 23
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	\$38,090 44

SARAH H. HATCH,  
*Treasurer General.*

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